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In compiling this school book we have approached it from the genealogical and historical value of the information. We have tried to preserve the history of our country schools with the lives of the people in the area. We also wanted to bring to life the times and events that surrounded the country schools.

Many articles have been taken from the area newspapers. Spelling and other errors are as they appeared in the newspapers. Some of the English and punctuation are not what we would use today; but it was appropriate to the times in which they lived. The text box above the articles show you the name and the date of the newspaper it appeared in.

We feel we have become acquainted with some of the families as we researched these schools. We know them through the articles related in the newspapers, the stories and the pictures. It has been a fun project for the Society researching the early schools and scholars.

We trust you will find some valuable information relating to your families and the times in which they lived.

De Kalb County Historical Society

Many thanks to the former students and all others who contributed memories and photos of Franklin Township schools. Also the volunteers who have so diligently given their time in typing, sorting, and going through the newspapers.

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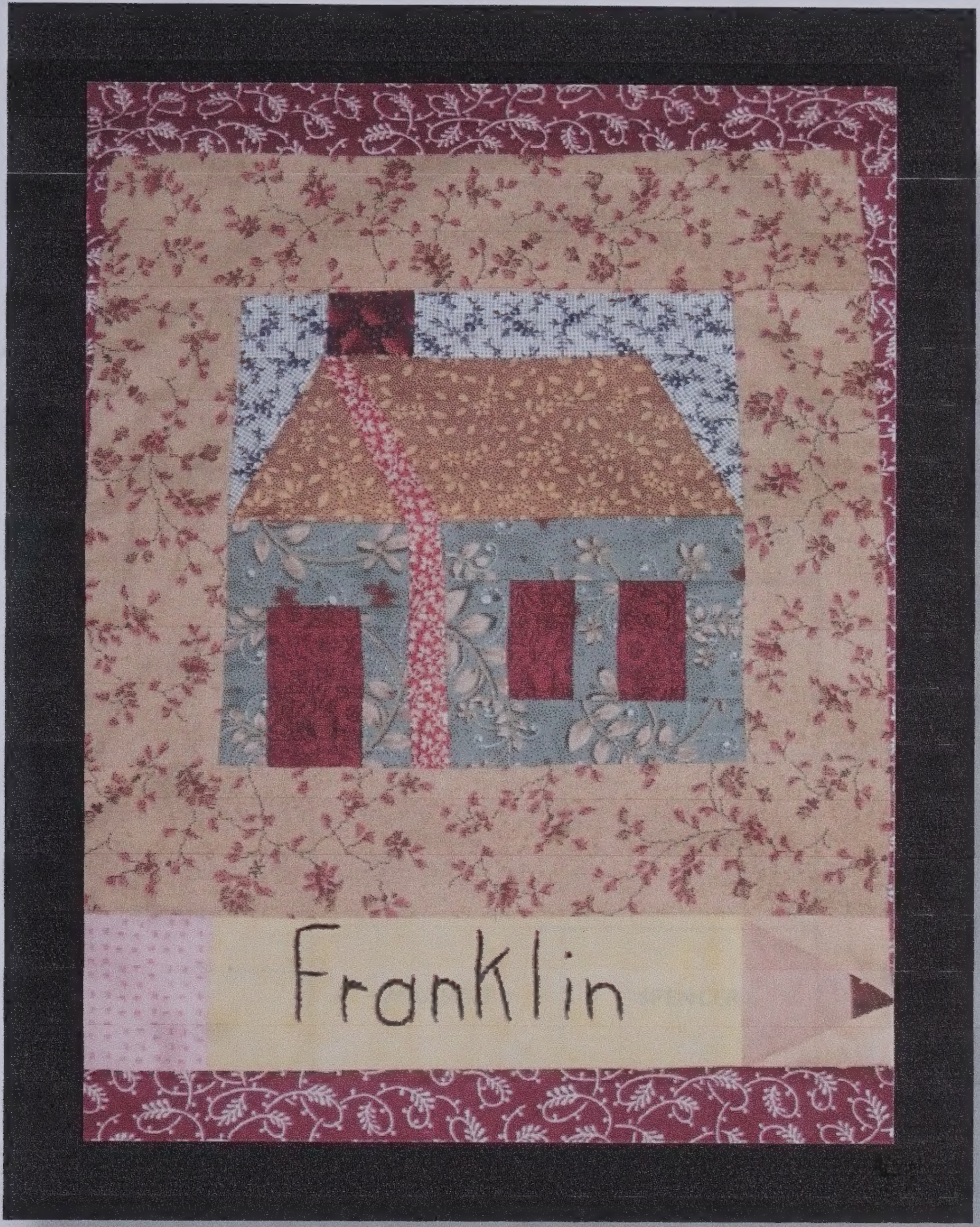

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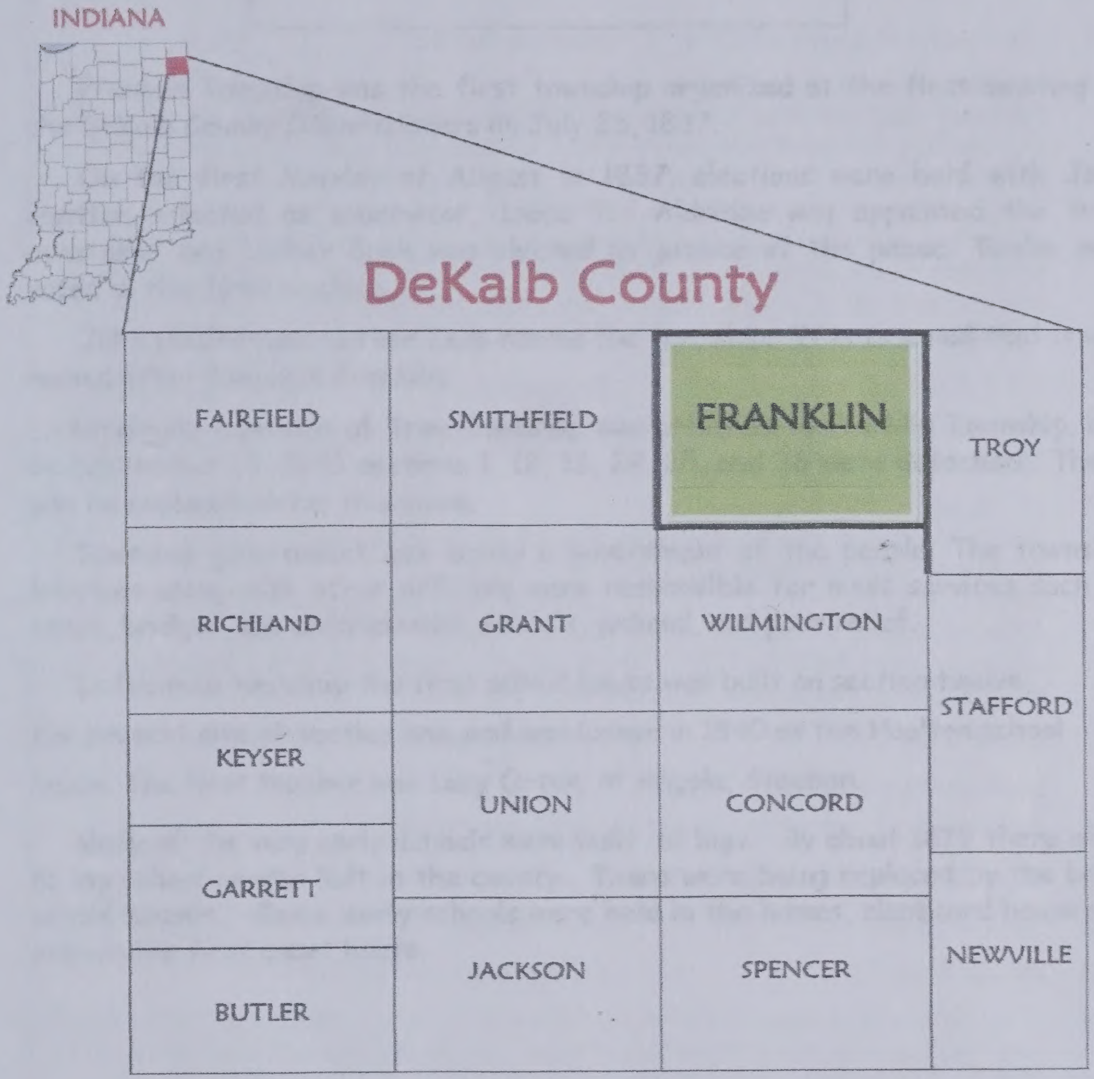
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Franklin Township was the first township organized at the first meeting of the DeKalb County Commissioners on July 25, 1837.

On the first Monday of August in 1837, elections were held with John Houlton selected as supervisor, Isaac T. Aldridge was appointed the first constable, and Luther Buck was elected as justice of the peace. Twelve men voted in this first election.

John Houlton and Luther Keep named the township. It is assumed that it was named after Benjamin Franklin.

Originally a portion of Troy Township was attached to Franklin Township, but on September 14, 1853 sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36 were detached. There was no explanation for this move.

Township government was surely a government of the people. The township trustees along with other officials were responsible for most services such as roads, bridges, law enforcement, schools, judicial, and poor relief.

In Franklin township the first school house was built on section twelve, the present site of section one, and was known in 1840 as the Houlton school house. The first teacher was Lucy Orton, of Angola, Steuben.

Many of the very early schools were built of logs. By about 1878 there were no log school houses left in the county. There were being replaced by the brick school houses. Some early schools were held in the homes, clapboard house and even in the first court house.

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

#1 SR 1 and 1/4 south of CR 4 Houlton School gone

#2 CR 65 1 mile west of SR 1

Nothing was found at the above site but heard of another school called #2 on CR 4 - 6000 on north side. It was made into a dwelling with an addition on the front painted white (dogs kept me from getting out of my car). The neighbor to the west, Gary Lautzenhiser, said his father attended school there and showed me a small booklet from the school with his dad's name in it. Margaret Ann McIntosh taught school one year there in 1937-38 before she was married and always knew the school as #2. home

#3 CR 4 & CR 21 Dutch Gap School

Sign on the front addition says LBJ Country Hall It was a Grange Hall for a while.

#4 CR 16 and CR 61 gone

This school was #4 as shown in the 1880 De Kalb County Atlas. In 1886 is was relocated to SR 427 & CR 12

SR 427 & CR 12 Taylor's Corners School gone

Cement block on school says "Public school, Dist. 4, 1886" The last classes were held in 1957. There was a township school reunion in Aug. 2005. Sadly this school burned to the ground 4-12-2006. gone

#5 CR 12 & CR 59 Franklin Center School gone

Last year as a school - 1957

#6 SR 1 & CR 12 Jerusalem School gone

This school was new in 1880. Last year as a school - 1957.

#7 SR 1 & CR 20 Hook School gone

#8 CR 22 & CR 59 College Corners School

This school has been fully restored by the family that own the land and lives across the road from the school Date on the school sign is 1858-1940. Made into a brick schoolhouse in 1880.

#9 CR 20 & CR 51 Bonny Dell School gone

This school's remains were buried in the backyard of Richard Badman's house.

#10 SR 427 & CR 53 & 10 Jackman School gone

#11 SR 427 & CR 16 gone

#12 CR 71 & 1/2 mile north of CR 20 gone

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LEADERS

School Examiners served as professional advisors to the township trustees and teachers. They also served as a liaison from the state superintendent. They were often addressed as Superintendent.

Those who served DeKalb County in this capacity were:

1853-1857 ...Edward Fosdick, Samuel Dickinson, Lewis Button

1857-1859...Lewis Button, WC McGonigal, Milton Peace

1861-1864...Rev. Edward Wright

1864-1865....Guy Plumb

1865-1868...Spencer Dills

1868-1871....William McIntosh

1871-1873....James Barns

Those who served as DeKalb County School Superintendents:

1873-1894....William McIntosh

1897-1904...C. M Mencia

1904-1914-..Henry E. Coe

1914-1917....Dr. Lida Leasure

1918-1921...Francis M. Mercia

1922-1929....Clarence Green

1929-1952...Carl Stallman

1952-1959...Roger Hess

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 6, 1872

New School Houses -
The business of school house building seems to pervade in country, as well as the town. The Trustee of this township will build a new brick district house on the Butler road, about three miles south of town; the Smithfield trustees will put up a brick house, at the Centre, to take place of the one burned last fall; and in Franklin a new house is to be built, for the southwest district. There are others doubtless of which we have not heard.

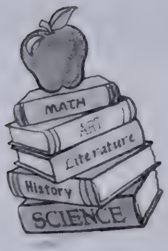
Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
October 30, 1873

Mr. H. H. Keep is successful select school at Clark's Corners in Franklin.

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
February 5, 1874

The second session of the Franklin township institute or model school was held at the center school home on Saturday, January 17th 1874 purseant to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, J. S. Jackman with Josie Gillett Secretary at 10 o'clock am. After consultation, it was decided that the officers of the first meeting be continued, and requested to officiate at this meeting; said officers being those above named, with R. C. Baxter Vice President and critic.

All the teachers were present, with one exception. Also quite a number of spectators were present.



The exercise of the day were commenced by C. H. Thurston with a class in elocution occupying twenty minutes; followed by John McCurdy, in arithmetic, George Hoopengarner in grammar and R. C. Baxter in spelling. After which a noon recess of one hour was taken.

Afternoon session—At the commencement of the afternoon session, James McCurdy elucidated his system of teaching geography; followed by Wm. Dirrim who explained map drawing with ractical illustrations. The teaching of history was then taken up by Reuben Sawvel, who explained his plan of teaching that branch, after which physiology was taken up and explain by John Young.

The subject of school government was then brought before the institute, upon which sprung up quite an animated discussion with considerable of a diversity of opinion, which only goes to verify the old adage, that "doctors disagree".

The subject was ably handled by Messres C. H. Thurston, R Sawvel, R. C. Baxter, J. S. Jackman, Wm Dirrim, and J. M. Noragon.

To a question as to how to remedy or prevent tardiness, Mr. R. C. Baxter emphatically answered, "make your first recitation interesting."

After the reading of the Critic's report, and the Secretary's minutes of the preceding meeting the institute adjourned to meet on Saturday, February 7th, 1874, punctually at 9 1/2 o'clock, am.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 24, 1874

Franklin Institute-According to appointment of the Trustee, the teachers met at the Center of the Township, December 12th, and were called to order at 11:30 a. m. Mr. C. H. Thurstin was chosen chairman and H. H. Keep secretary. A few well chosen remarks were made by the President, upon the duties of the teachers.

Remarks by Emanuel and McCurdy, in regard to the time of holding the next two institutes followed by motion of Emanuel. It was decided to hold the next meeting on the second Saturday in January and the first Saturday in February; the Trustee designating the Center of the Township as the place of meeting. McCurdy and Keep were appointed to arrange programmes for the afternoon session and for the next meeting, January 9th. Adjourned for noon recess.

Afternoon session at 30 minutes past 12. Programme for afternoon work was read by the Secretary. Work commenced with a spirited lesson. In reading by Charles Emanuel, in which many good hits were given, particularly on reading poetry. Mr. Wycoff then introduced the subject of Subtraction giving some good ideas and being seconded by remarks from Thurstin, Baxter and others. By request of Emanuel the programme for the next meeting was then read. Miss Jennie Norigon gave a fine lesson illustrating method of teaching Geography in advanced classes. Mr. Thurston followed with some practical hints on teaching writing, without the printed copies. Exercises were closed by a lesson in spelling, by J. M. Norigon.

Upon motion of Mr. Wycoff, it was determined to have the reports of our institute published in the Waterloo Press. Adjourned to meet January 9th at 10 a. m.

C. H. Thurstin, President
H. H. Keep Secretary

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
February 15, 1875

## Franklin Township Institute

Institute met at school house No. 10. Opened by the President, J. S. Jackman. Singing by Misses Annie, Jennie and Della Noragon, also Milton Noragon. On motion of Richard Baxter, Mrs. J. A. Barns was elected Secretary, pro tem. Roll call by the Secretary—nine teachers present. Next exercise in order was a short lesson and discussion in primary reading, which was conducted in a very creditable manner by Richard Baxter. Next in order was a class in grammar; subject, "The Verb," taught by Reuben Sawvel; a short discussion followed and the time was well improved. Institute adjourned one hour for dinner.

Afternoon session—Institute was called to order at 1 ½ o'clock by the President. Motion was then made that the Chairman appoint a committee of two on resolutions—Mr. Sawvel and Mr. Dirrim were appointed as a committee. Song by the institute, entitled "Childhood." Superintendent Barns then gave a short lecture on grammar, also conducted a class in the same subject. The subjects of geography and map-drawing were then taught by Mr. Dirrim. Moved and seconded that the President conduct a class in spelling. The Superintendent then gave a test spelling lesson which created quite an amount of amusement

Then followed a discussion of the subject. "Economy of time in the school room," Richard Baxter was first, followed by Milton Noragon, Miss Lizzie Ratson, Mr. Dirrim, Reuben Sawvel and the President, followed by remarks by the Superintendent. Critic's report by Richard Baxter. Resolutions read and adopted. Secretary's report read and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Whereas, We, the teachers of Franklin township, having closed the last session of our institute for the present term of school, desire to make some acknowledgement.

Resolved, That we, as teachers, elevate the standard of our profession by more thoroughly informing ourselves on the different branches to be taught, and the best methods of teaching the same.

Resolved, That we, as teachers, be more willing to give and receive advice, and there be better qualified to discharge our duties as teachers.

Resolved, That we tend our thanks to our Superintendent for his presence and valuable instruction.

Resolve, That we tender our thanks to Mrs. Barns for her presence and service as Secretary.

Resolved, That we, as teachers, tender our thanks to the officers of this institute for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That we, as members of this institute, tender our thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality and attendance during the different sessions our institute.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to T. C. Mays, editor of the COURIER, for his kindness in printing the reports of our several meetings.

William Dirrim
Reuben Sawvel
Committee
Institute adjourned,

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 15, 1875

Franklin Institute met February 6th as agreed upon at first adjournment. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, no meeting was held January 9th, hence the programme designed for that meeting was followed at this occasion. Exercises commenced by Mr. Thurstin teaching advance reading. He was followed by H. H. Keep in Physical Geography, after which J. M. Noragon explained his method of teaching Mental Arithmetic. Mr. Wychoff's remarks on the subject of Primary Reading elicited considerable discussion Mr. Emanuel gave some practical hints on the subject of teaching History. The subject of Interest in Arithmetic was well conducted by J. H. McCurdy. After an animated discussion on the subject of School Government, the Institute adjourned

Illustrated Historical Atlas
of the State of Indiana
Baskin & Forster & Co., Chicago, Ill.
1876 Page 284

The county has, at present, 115 school districts, and three incorporated towns with graded schools. Corunna, Spencerville and Newville also have graded schools. Most of the schools are in good condition, and improving. The finest school building in the county is at Waterloo. It is built of brick, with stone basement, and cost $20,000. The next in value is the Butler. This is of brick and cost about $14,000. Auburn has one good brick building used as a ward school, but the main building was destroyed by fire, in the fall of 1875. The number of brick school houses in the county is twenty-three; the rest are frame, there being none of the log ones remaining. Total value of school property, $114,385. Number of volumes in the township school libraries, 2,486. Total number of pupils admitted in all the schools in 1874, 4,399

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 6, 1877

A school war of immense proportions is raging up in Franklin township.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 29, 1877

### SPECIAL ELECTION

They had a special election up in Franklin township, last Saturday. It came about this way; - there are now 12 school districts in the township, and the trustee was about to replace one or two of the old houses with new buildings. Citizens of the township who favor the reduction of the districts to nine, (one to each four sections) remonstrated and on receiving an adverse decision from the trustee, appealed to the county superintendent. Mr. Barns, being a believer in the "Squatter Sovereignty" doctrine of the late Stephen A. Douglas, relegated the question to the votes of the township, and an election was held as above stated. When the votes were counted out, it was found that the vexed question was as far from being settled as ever. Two hundred and sixteen had been cast-just one hundred and eight to each side. How the matter will terminate, is not clear; but we presume the superintendent will decide the question, or another election will be held.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
April 26, 1877

The Franklin school house war has been settled so that, in time the school districts will be reduced to 9.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
August 29, 1879

School houses have greatly improved in quality. Log houses have disappeared and frames are giving place to brick structures. School sites, in some instances are pleasantly located near groves of trees, and in others they are exposed to wind and storm, heat and cold, without shrub or tree near by.

Values of school property exhibit a more permanent and convenient class of building and before long, the houses being built, the expense of their maintenance will bear less heavily upon taxpayer's. Special school moneys are almost doubled in amount and they are of late more beneficially expended. This fund has long been regarded as the spoil of energetic but unconscientious agents and an enormous aggregate of waste has attended its disbursement.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 6, 1883

William Brown, the trustee of Franklin Township, has erected a very substantial brick school house two miles north of town

Franklin Township School
School , year and scholars not identified

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
February 7, 1884

## FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Report of Franklin township institute held in district No. 5, Saturday , January 26, 1884.

Institute was called to order at 10:15. First on programme, reading of the teachers' monthly report. Next by Trustee Brown, Reuben Sawvel was nominated chairman by the trustee and Frank Bundy, secretary by the institute, followed a lesson in arithmetic, conducted by Miss Mollie Rosenberry, in which she gave a very good and instructive lesson.

This was followed by an excellent essay on "Daily Program," by Miss Jennie Bently, and Miss Mattie Chase then gave a lesson on penmanship, showing the principles by exercises on the board.

The subject of physical geography was then treated by John Friedenberger; his recitation was pronounced good and showed a thorough knowledge of the subject.

John McCurdy then gave a lesson on the causes of the Revolutionary War. He showed the primary and intermediate causes in such a manner that any one could understand them, and the lesson was well given.

The subject of mathematical geography was assigned to Frank Bundy, who responded cheerfully.

Miss Nellie Curtis then talked a few minutes on the subject of grammar. She presented thoughts, which if treasured will be of use to the teachers.

This was followed by a lesson on reading by Charles Baxter which was pronounced good. A brief discussion then took place on the meaning of the word, "Donati," (as found in McGuffey's Fifth reader, on page 171).

Miss Jennie Bentley then gave an interesting lesson in grammar by means of diagrams on the board

The chairman then appointed Miss Curtis, Miss Rosenberry and Mr. Baxter to assign work for the next institute. Mr. Brown then made a few remarks in which he tendered his thanks to the teachers for their presence and the interest manifested.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 07, 1888

The third annual commencement of The Franklin township schools occurred Last Friday evening. The exercises were held at Memorial Chapel, and the house was completely filled with an attentive audience. The decorations were grand and the class motto, "Common Schools The Hope of our Country," was arranged on an arch over the rostrum. The class and the school officers occupied seats upon the stage. The music was rendered under the direction of Prof. Husselman, of Waterloo, and was excellent.

Mr. Sawvel then talked a few minutes as to which is the best method to conduct an examination.

Committee's report was then read by Charles Baxter.

By motion the institute adjourned at 2:15 to meet two weeks from today

Rev. Cone of Butler, paid the class deserved compliments for the taste shown in the decoration of the church. We think the Class did great credit to themselves and The teachers.

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The valedictory delivered By Albert Shultz, was fine, and the few words to the class in reference to the separation in common school life, was very touching. C. M. Merica in well-Chosen words, presented the diplomas

After which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Cone. Thus closed the third annual commencement of the Franklin township schools, and we think everybody will join us in wishing the class every success

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 08, 1894

Graduation exercises

Franklin Township at Memorial Chapel June 18

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Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
June 21, 1894

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Co. Supt. Merica reports a monster meeting Monday evening at Memorial Chapel, in Franklin, to witness the commencement exercises of the township schools. With close crowding all could not get in, and it was with great difficulty that the officers and graduates could reach their proper places. Crowds stood around the building, or sat in buggies where they could see and hear. People have fully learned that no one thing is so valuable to them as the common schools, and their interest gains strength the success of our excellent system is due to the intelligent and persistent efforts of the county superintendent and trustees?

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 22, 1894

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Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
June 28, 1894

## Franklin Tp. Commencement

The ninth annual commencement of Franklin township was held on Monday, June 18, in Memorial Chapel. The very able and animated orchestra from Butler, by rendering many fine pieces of music, was the means of adding much to the success of the entertainment; and when at 8 o'clock, a march was played, the graduates were soon in their respective palaces. They were four in number as follows; C. B. Jackman, Lee Noragon, Cora Kepler and Mamie Huyck. Each one did himself much credit, both in composition and delivery of his oration. Albert Shultz assisted in the exercises with an oration, Miss Ida Gratz with an essay, and Miss Minnie Kepler with select reading. Miss Pearl Huyck addressed the class in a few well-chosen words. The many presents to the graduates, consisting of handsome books, beautiful baskets, and many bouquets, showed the vehement interest of many friends to the cause of more and better education. The inspiring thought quoted by an orator still rings in our ears; "He who will not work with his mind for himself must work with this muscle for someone else." The church is large and was immensely filled, while many eager listeners crowded about the open windows. The committee on decoration displayed much taste, having distributed profusely, every shade of beautiful roses. The stage draperies were in white, artistically arranged and finished off with many beautiful house plants. There is a marked growing interest being manifested in all our school exercises. So, together with our kind, thoughtful, had and ever laboring County Superintendent and many obliging and willing trustees, we should be inspired anew at these grand successes, and use all our influence an power to assist.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1894

## North Franklin

Several teachers from this vicinity attended the teachers association in Butler last Friday and Saturday. They report having had a very enjoyable and profitable session. They roomed and boarded at the residences of our esteemed friend Mr, Murch and his estimable wife by which they were royally feasted and agreeably entertained.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1894

North Franklin

Last week the different district schools throughout the township commenced,

The North tier of schools in this township are taught by the following teachers: No. 1 Sadie Bryant, No.2 J. C. Lautzenheiser, No. 3 Miss Mildred Fee.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 10, 1895

North Franklin

One day last week Albert Shultz was in this vicinity taking the enumeration of the school children. Mr. Shultz is in the employ of Trustee Whetzel.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 31, 1895

Franklin Township - graduating exercises June 21, Alumni, June 22

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 28, 1895

**Franklin Township Commencement**

The Franklin township commencement was held in Memorial chapel last Friday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with flags, evergreen and flowers and a large audience was in attendance. The program was as follows:

Music.

Invocation, Rev. C. E. Hollopeter.

Music.

Oration, "We are known by the company we keep" Ella Culbertson.

Oration, Life as a Success," Viola Oberlin.

Music.

Oration, "From Dawn to Eventide," Pearl Huyck.

Oration, "Useless Repining" Eille? Lautzenheiser.

Music.

Oration, :Success or Failure" Nellie Newcomer.

Music.

Class address, A. L. Shultz.

Remarks and presentation of diplomas by county supt.

Music and benediction.

Houlton's orchestra furnished the music.

The programme as announced was carried out with the exception of the music. The orchestra did not come until very late and the exercises were nearly half over, which made a very bad break in the exercises. All who had work, did it in a very creditable manner, especially the graduates. It being their first time before a public meeting. Mr. Mountz, of Garret, gave a very interesting address which showed his ability to think, as it was well arranged an full of good thoughts and to the purpose. Such occasions is certainly calculated to encourage the young to follow in the way of intellectual growth and advancement,

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 28, 1895

### Franklin Tp. Alumni

The Franklin Township Alumni held its regular annual meeting at Memorial Chapel last Saturday evening, Prof. H. E. Coe delivered an excellent address on the subject "The Seen and the Unseen World." His address was highly instructive and appropriate for the occasion

At the close of the lecture, the members of the Alumni together with a number of invited quests, repaired to the Commodious home of Isaac Sawvel where beautiful decorated tables were arranged and refreshments served.

The Alumni then listened to a number of toasts. Miss Laura Sawvel's welcome address was composed in verses and was well given.

Miss Elsie McCurdy responded for the class of '91. In the course of her remarks, she spoke of the so-called new woman, and said that it should be their aim to be not manly women but womanly women.

Miss Martha Newcomer responded for the class of '93, Bertha Sattison for '92 and Benton Jackman for '94.

Edson Beard was elected president for the coming year. Mr. Lautzenheiser Vice Pres; Laura Sawvel Sec. and A. L. Shultz Treas.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 28, 1895

### College Corners News

We understand the banquet held at Isaac Sawvel's was a success in every particular, and as the editor of the Record was present we expect him to give the account of it.

Prof. Coe's lecture was very highly appreciated by all who had the pleasure of listening to it, and would be very gad to have him come again.

Mr. Wiles and Miss Laura Sawvel, of Auburn, attended commencement and the banquet at Miss Sawvel's home.

Lawyer Mountz, of Garrett, and Miss Teeters, of Auburn, attended commencement exercises at Memorial Chapel.

Prof. Coe of Butler, was in the neighborhood Monday.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 10, 1896

Franklin Twp. Schools having had a two weeks vacation, resume business again Monday.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 20, 1896

The seventh session of the Franklin Twp. teachers' institute was held at Jerusalem church last Saturday. At noon Trustee Brown invited the teachers to his home where his wife had prepared a sumptuous dinner for them. A number of teachers called at this office Saturday and wish us to say that the teachers of Franklin Twp. appreciate the treatment they receive from their trustee.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 24, 1896

Our efficient trustee was in this vicinity last week, taking enumeration of school children.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 1, 1896

The common school graduates in Franklin township are Florence Kitridgek, S. M. Firestone, Walter B. Miser, Wm. Potter, Ervin Funk, Edward Lautzenheiser, and Samuel F. Haverstock.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 8, 1896

All graduates of the common schools of Franklin township are requested to meet at the center school house Monday evening May 20 for the purpose of making arrangements for their annual meeting.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 15, 1896

The Common school graduates of Franklin township are requested to meet at center school house May 18th.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 22, 1896

The Franklin Tp. Alumni has arranged a program to be rendered June 26

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
May 28, 1896

The names of the graduates from this township are Eddie Lautzenheiser, No. 2; Florence Kittrige, No. 3, Willie Potter, No. 6, Sam Firestone, No. 7, Irvin Funk and Sam F. Haverstock, No. 8, and Walter B. Miser, No. 9. The commencement will be held June 24th.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 29, 1896

| Towns | Graduation Dates |
|---|---|
| Butler Common School | May 22 |
| Butler High | May 22 |
| Auburn Common | MAY 26 |
| Auburn High | June 27 |
| Garrett High | June 4 |
| Ashley High | June 6 |
| Ashley Common | May |
| Waterloo High | |
| Townships. | |
| Concord Common | May 27 & 28 |
| Butler | June 12 |
| Keyser | June 12 |
| Jackson | June 7 |
| Grant & Union | June 18 |
| Richland | June 19 |
| Fairfield | June 22 |
| Smithfield | June 23 |
| Franklin | June 24 |
| Troy | June 5 |
| Stafford | June 26 |
| Wilmington | June 30 |

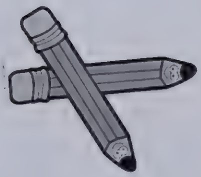
There will be a change or two in the above dates, but if so due notice will be given

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 19, 1896

Franklin Tp, Commencement

The following is the program for the Franklin Tp. commencement to be held at Pleasant Chapel Wednesday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock.

March.................................Orchestra
Invocation...................Rev. S. G. Neal
Music......................,..........Orchestra
Welcome Address.......C. P. Hamman
Oration....Opportunity.........Florence Kittridge
Oration.....Mutation..........Irvin Funk
Music.................................Orchestra
Oration Our Nation's Progress...................S. M. Firestone
Oration The Enjoyment of Life..........................Bertha Sattison
Oration When Bread Falls It's Always on the Buttered Side................................W. B. Miser
Music..................................Orchestra
Oration
The Flight of Time......William Potter
Oration
Influence of Labor.....E. A. Lautzenheiser
Oration
Little Things.............S. F. Haverstock
Music.................................Orchestra
Recitation..............Hattie Firestone
Class Address and Presentation Of Diplomas..................C. M. Merica
Music.................................Orchestra
Benediction...........Rev. Geo. H. Kemp



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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1896

The teachers for Franklin township for the coming term will be:

Mayme Huyck, No. 1.
Mildred Fee, No. 2.
C. P. Hamman, No. 3.
Minnie Lautzenheiser, No. 4.
A. L. Shultz, No. 5.
J. A. Lautzenheiser, No. 6.
Bertha Sattison, No. 7.
Rilla Newcomer, No. 8.
Hattie Firestone, No. 9.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
September 11, 1896

Waldo Sattison, Samuel F. Haverstock, and Ervin Funk, of Franklin Township, entered the Butler High school. Monday.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 30, 1896

Co-joint Institute of Smithfield and Franklin Tps.

The teachers of Smithfield and Franklin townships met in conjoint institute Saturday Oct. 24th, at Taylor's Corners school house in Franklin township.

The teachers and trustees from both townships were present and enjoyed themselves socially and intellectually.

Among the visitors were teachers from Troy township, also from the cities of Ashley and St. Joe.

The institute was benefitted by the presence of Supt. Merica.

After opening exercises, consisting of a song by the teachers, Supt. Merica

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occupied the forenoon very profitably to the teachers, by discussing the Course of Study. He showed that many of the perplexities in a teacher's work would be solved if they followed closely the Course of Study; for much depends on giving the pupil just the kind an amount of work that he should have. After another song the institute adjourned to meet again at 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION: The afternoon session began with the afternoon program of the regular institute work.

The first subject was grammar, the discussion of definition, by J. A. Lautzenheiser of Franklin and Mrs. Bemenderfer of Smithfield.

The next subject arithmetic was divided into three parts. First, subject "Matter and Purpose." Second, "How to teach the first year's work in numbers." Third, "How to teach the second year's work in numbers." The first part was discussed by Mr. Fiske of Smithfield and Miss Hattie Firestone of Franklin. The second by Miss Belle Cooper of Smithfield and Miss Bertha Sattison of Franklin. The third by C. P. Hamman of Franklin and Mr. Baxter of Smithfield.

This was followed by a general discussion by the institute after which they adjourned to meet in the evening at Pleasant Hill church where they listened to a very helpful discussion on Scientific Temperance by Rev. Yager of Waterloo.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 6, 1896

The young people of North and South and West Franklin, to the number of 40 participated in a surprise party last Saturday evening. Miss Minnie Lautzenheiser one of our popular teachers of the county was the ideal one, the event being her 24th birthday. She was away from home and on her return found the house full and running over. We are glad to note Minnie has hosts of friend who wish her well.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 13, 1896

Franklin Cent.r

Quite a number of teachers of Franklin township met at the home of Mrs. R. Murch last Friday evening, for the purpose of organizing a literary society.

Franklin Township School
School , year and scholars not identified

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 20, 1896

The Clipper is informed that Lawyer Mountz had a front seat at "A Trip to the City" at the opera house Monday night. His fare was not paid out of Mark Hanna's free excursion fund, but the expenses were paid by a young lady who was mistaken on the outcome of the election. Moral--never bet.--Garrett Clipper.

Lawyer Mountz above spoke of is Clarence Mountz formerly a teacher in Franklin township.

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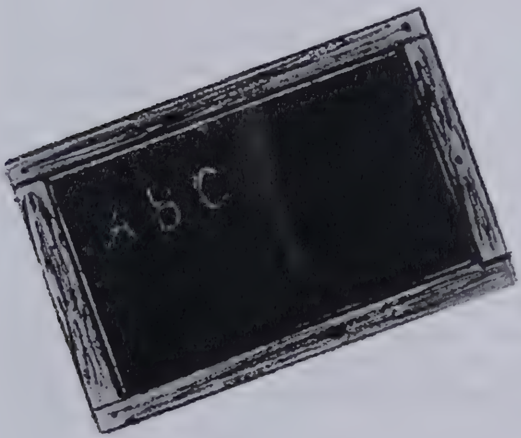
Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 27, 1896

North Franklin News

Effie Lautzenheiser is attending school in Hamilton.



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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 27, 1896

Teacher's Institute was held at Franklin Center last Saturday with a good attendance.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 18, 1896

The Franklin township literary society met at the home of Mrs. R. Murch last Friday evening. About thirty-five members besides a goodly number of friends and neighbors were present. Recitations, orations, essays and singing were the topic of the evening, and all were rendered in the best of taste. We are so please to the young people take such an interest in the cause that will help to elevate their minds in a right way. At a late hour all departed for their homes with goodnights and felt that it was good to be there.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 22, 1897

Franklin Center

The Franklin Tp. literary society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Myers, last Friday evening.

Much credit is due to the members for taking such an active part as it makes our literary a success in every respect. Miss Effie Lautzenheiser's essay on Woman's Suffrage and Clarence Murch's reply has been real interesting, both have given the subject very good thought, can't say where it will stop.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 12, 1897

Waterloo News

Mrs. Darwin Soule died last Friday after a long illness from a cancer. Funeral services were held in the U B. church Sunday Rev. Yager officiating. The services were under the auspices of D. of R. She was 50 years 11 mo. and 24 days old. She leaves a husband, eight children and other friends to mourn her loss. She taught several terms of school in Franklin and other townships. She was laid to rest in our beautiful cemetery

Obituary

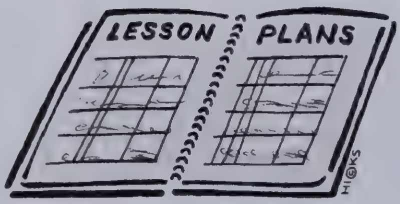
MARGARET HODGES SOULE

Margaret Imogene (Hodges) Soule was born in Huron County, Ohio, March 11, 1846, and died at her home in Waterloo, Ind., March 5, 1897, aged 50 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

The deceased was one of a family of thirteen children. In 1852 her parents relocated in Woodstock, Lenawee County, Mich., where she was reared. Her parents and one brother preceded her to the world beyond, the brother having fallen in the great Battle of the Wilderness, in the war of 1864-5. In the early part of her life she came to Waterloo, where she completed her education, after which she engaged in teaching school twelve terms in and about Waterloo, seven of which were taught in succession in Franklin Tp.

Mrs. Soule endured in this world more than her share of suffering. Over a year ago she was afflicted with cancer and on Feb. 20, 1896, she went to a Cleveland, O. hospital, and had the cancer removed, but on her return home, March 10, 1896, the sequences of the dread disease were manifest, and permeated her whole system, and after untold suffering, death resulting as above. She was conscious to the hour of death, with an unimpaired memory, and recited poems to the children shortly before death. During her long illness, the order of which she was a member, gave faithful watch care, and assisted in a pecuniary way in her burial. Death came to her as a sweet relief from suffering.

She was united in marriage to Darwin Soule April 17, 1869, and to this union were born eight children, five daughters and three sons, who with the husband and three grandchildren survive her. She also had the care of rearing one stepson. The deceased united with the U. B. church about twelve years ago, and six years later joined the U. B. church in Waterloo, receiving the baptismal rite last year, and she maintained her Christian faith until her death. She was an active member of the order of Daughters of Rebekah, and by her associates was elected to different offices in the lodge, and in consideration of her membership the order attended the funeral in a body, which occurred at the U. B. church on Sunday morning, March 8, Rev Yager, her pastor, officiating and the burial in the Waterloo cemetery, a large congregation paying the last tribute to respect.



Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 19, 1897

There will be seven graduates in Franklin Tp. this year. They are Minnie Wagoner, Orris Imhoof, Earl Lowe, Roy Waterman, Birdie Kepler, John Taylor Jr. and Pearl Enzor.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1897

The members of the Franklin Tp Alumni Ass'n., met at Franklin Center school house Thursday evening. April 29, and elected the following officers for the year: Chairman, J. A. Lautzenheiser; Vice Pres., A. L. Shultz; Rec-Sec., Mayme Huyck; Cor. Sec., A. L. Shultz; Treas., Bertha Sattison; Att'y C. P. Hamman. A splendid program has been prepared and their annual meeting will be held at the residence of Sol. Sattison, on the evening following the Franklin Tp. commencement, A motion was made and carried that each member of the Ass'n, be assessed a fee of twenty-five cents.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 16, 1897

Ezra Lauzenheizer and his esteem family kindly entertained the Franklin Tp. Literary society at their pleasant home in North Franklin last Friday eve. This closes our Literary work until next September. We feel very grateful to each member who has so nobly assisted us in this good work

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1897

Trustee Brown was in this vicinity taking the school numeration.

The Franklin Tp. Alumni Ass'n is requested to meet at the Franklin Center school house on Thursday evening April 29.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 11 1897

Franklin Tp. Commencement

The annual commencement of the Franklin Township Schools will be held at Pleasant Chapel church on Friday Evening, June 18, 1897.

PROGRAM

March, Orchestra
Invocation, Rev. J. H. Wagoner,
Music, Orchestra,
Opening address, A. L. Shultz,
Oration--God's Ways, Byrdie Kepler.
Music, Orchestra.
Oration--Civilization, Earl Lowe,
Recitation--The Teacher's Dream,
by Byrdie Sattison.
Oration--The Influence of Time,
by Orrie Imhof.
Music, Orchestra.
Oration--The Voyage of Life, by
Minnie Wagner.
Recitation--Beginning Aright, by
Mayme Huyck.
Music. Orchestra.
Oration--Night Brings Out the Stars,
by Leroy Waterman.
Recitation, by H. Gertrude Firestone.
Oration--Purpose and Will, by
Etta P. Enzor.
Music. Orchestra.
Oration--The Tidal Wave, by
John L. Taylor.
Oration--Our Advantages and how we use them., by Lela B Rice.
Music, Orchestra.
Class Address by J. A. Lautzenheiser.

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Presentation of Diplomas, by
Supt. H. E. Coe.
Music, Orchestra.
Benediction, by Rev. John Hammond.

The music will be furnished by the Houlton Orchestra

GRADUATES

Byrdie Kepler, Earl Lowe, Orris Imhof, Minnie Wagner, Leroy Waterman, Etta P. Enzor. John L. Taylor. Lela B. Rise.

**SCHOOL OFFICERS**
J. W.. Brown, Trustee
H. E. Coe, Co. Supt.

Trustee Brown requests that those who have flowers, and especially, the families having graduates, bring them to the church on Friday and assist in decorating the church

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 18 1897

The Houlton orchestra furnished the music for the commencement exercises at Gunsenhouser's Saturday night.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 3, 1897

College Corners

Misses Hattie Firestone, Bertha Sattison, Mayme Huyck and Albert Shultz, teachers in Franklin township, attended the teacher's association in Waterloo last Friday and Saturday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 14, 1898

Franklin Center

Co. Supt. H. E. Coe visited several schools in Franklin last week.

Frank Lautzenheiser attended the institute at the Center Saturday and called on the Murch family.

Teachers Institute was held at Franklin Center last Saturday with good attendance all but one being present. The work was very good.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 11, 1898

The Franklin Tp. Literary Society met at the home Mr. J. A. S. Hamman last Friday evening. A large crowd assembled, the program consisted of the choicest recitations, essays and music. We were treated to several songs by the little girls and A. L. Shultz which everyone enjoyed. Mr. Hamman expresses his good wishes for the progress of our society and desires us to come again.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 8, 1898

Franklin township will have six graduates this year. They are as follows: Byron Platt, Frank Platt, Gertrude Haverstock, Clara M. King, Elmer Snyder and Perry Haman

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 22, 1898

Trustee John Brown was in the vicinity last week taking the enumeration of school children,

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 24, 1898

The Franklin Tp. commencement exercises were held at Pleasant Chapel Monday evening. Regardless of the weather the house which was decorated appropriately for the times and occasion was packed to its utmost. At about 8 pm. the march was played and a fine program consisting of orations, recitations and essays by the graduates and teachers of the different districts was carried out. Co. Supt. Coe addressed the class and presented to them their diplomas. There were 6 graduates and some of which were very young in years which bespeak credit for Franklin Tp. Music was furnished by the Houlton orchestra.

Butler Record, Butler , Indiana
June 25, 1897

Eddy's Corner

Several from this neighborhood attended the commencement exercises at Pleasant Chapel church last Friday evening.

The commencement exercises of Franklin Tp. were held at Pleasant Chapel church last Friday evening. The Houlton orchestra furnished some very fine music. The addresses given by A. L. Shultz an J. A. Lautzenheiser were excellent, the recitations were fine, the orations of the graduates were exceptionally good and nicely delivered. The house was crowded to overflowing. County Supt. Coe was present and presented the diplomas and addressed the class..

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 25, 1897

The Franklin Tp. Alumni Ass'n held its annual meeting and banquet at the residence of Sol Sattison, Saturday evening. Most of the classes were represented and a good an profitable time enjoyed.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 15, 1897

The Franklin Tp. Literary Society met at the home of H. Gertner's last Friday evening We think the young folks can't employ their minds with anything better.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 11, 1897

Mrs. R. Murch and son Clarence attended the Teachers Institute held at No. 4 Franklin Tp. last Saturday. It was a joint institute of Franklin and Smithfield. It was very interesting and would say to all who are interested in school work would do well to attend these meetings as they are pleasant and profitable.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 19, 1897

Franklin Center

Bicycles are out of date so the teachers of Franklin township say.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 19, 1897

The township literary society met at the home of John Huyck's in South Franklin last Friday evening. There was a large crowd assembled. The program was not fully carried out as some of the chief workers were absent on account of sickness.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 30, 1898

The teachers of Franklin and Smithfield Tps. will hold a joint institute at Pleasant Hill Church Smithfield Tp. Saturday Jan 14, '99. The work will consist of discussions, orations, essays etc. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
July 28, 1899

The trustees of Franklin, Troy, Stafford, Newville and Wilmington Tps. held a meeting in Butler last Saturday for the purpose of making arrangements concerning the transfer of those in their township wishing high school privileges to the Butler Schools. Nothing definite was done, but each trustee is ascertain the number likely to apply for transfers to the Butler schools, and report in two weeks. If a sufficient number is to be sent another teacher will be hired for the high school work.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
August 18, 1899

TRUSTEES NOTICE

All pupils of Franklin township that hold Common School Diplomas, that intend to ask for transfers or have their tuition paid to High School by township, please make it known to the Trustee before September 1, 1899

J. W. Brown, Trustee

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 22, 1899

Hamilton News

The scholars of DeKalb county who attend our school were ordered to present a transfer or leave the school Monday morning. This was an order issued by Trustee Oberlin and was the cause of Trustee Brown of Franklin making such a hustle Saturday and settling by giving old Steuben county $12 for every other scholar.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 22, 1899

The schools of Franklin township began last Monday, Sept. 18, with the following corps of teachers: Ora Lautzenheiser, No. 1; Mae Waterman, No. 2; Nellie Newcomer, No. 3; Merilla Newcomer, No 4; J. A. Lautzenheiser, No. 5; Mayme Huyck, No. 6: A. L. Shultz, No. 7; Sadie McCurdy, No. I; Florence Kittridge, No. 9.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. J.W. Brown, Township Trustee. Dated Sept. 4, 1900

1899
Nov. 15
Ed Rigneburg,
repairing school house and
material 3.50
(this could be No. 6; but not sure)

1900
Jan. 15. G. F. Gengnagel,
3 brooms, 10 glass, 1 glass 29 x 35
door lock, etc 6.50
(this could be No 1 but not sure)

Mar. 15
G. Wolff,
2 brooms .90

Jun 18
Smith & Higley,
cards & programs for
Commencement 4.00

Jun 20
M. K. Houlton,
music at commencement 8.00

July 12
E. A. Zerkle, Waterloo, Ind school
Treas,
tuition or Clara King, Leroy
Waterman, Perry Hamman 30.00

July 14
Cyrus C. Oberlin, trustee Otsego Tp.
tuition for 9 transfers and tuition
for Ina Gurtner, Arthur Trustman,
Lulu M. Albrig and
Eva Abright 133.00

July 21,
E. L. Fosdick, Treas. Butler School
Board—
transfers 8 1/2 months 1.50 per M
for each pupil 80.25

July 26
J. N. Rickel, trustee of Waterloo
School Board
tuition high school for Byrde
Kepler 10.00

Aug 27
G. F. Gengnagel,
glass, door lock and rope for
bell 2.00
(this could be No 1 school-not sure)

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 26, 1900

Franklin Center

The familiar old Landmark Church on the Samuel Haverstock farm now known as the old Dunkard Church was moved a week ago on Jay Marks farm for a barn,

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 17, 1902

North Franklin

Sine Musser from near Edgerton some time ago bought of John Lowe Sr., the 80 acre farm south of center school house formerly known as the Mort Brown farm and will move onto it as soon as Mr. Frick moves out.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 17, 1902

Two Surprised

January 8th, being Grace Mucrh's 10th birthday, her sister Mabel prepared a surprise for her, in which she was successful, but forgot to think of her own birthday being so near at hand, As crowd No.1 had got nicely settled with Mabel, the jolliest one, a rap at the door and a rush soon gave her a chance to change her mind and say "Well, I believe I'm surprised too!" By this time the house rang with laughter. The evening was spent very pleasantly with music singing and recitations. The crowd numbered about twenty-five. They were served to cream and cake. Mabel and Grace received several very pretty presents from their dear little friends, and an evening spent which will always be a bright spot in their memory as years go by.

DeKalb County Herald
Butler, Indiana
February 21, 1902

Franklin and Smithfield township will have six months of school. Grant township will have seven months.

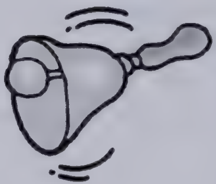
Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
July 3, 1903

Marriage Record Shultz and Lautzenheiser

At eight o'clock on the evening of June 24th, at the bride's home occurred the marriage of Mr. Albert L. Shultz and Miss Effie Lautzenheiser. While a beautiful march was rendered by Miss Mary Bingeman they march into the sitting room where under an arch of evergreen and flowers they were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. N. Paul Barton, of Huntertown, Ind. After congratulations were extended they were escorted to the dining room where all partook of delicious refreshments. There were present about forty guests from whom they were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. Mr. Shultz has been for some time a successful teacher in the public schools of DeKalb County, and Miss Lautzenheiser is the admirable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lautzenheiser residing one mile South of Hamilton, Ind. By good habits, by and industrious life and by judicious management Mr. Shultz has bought an paid for an 80 acre farm near Franklin Center, where they will soon be at home to their many friends. They are both acceptable members of the M. E. Church and we predict for them a happy and useful voyage in life.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 2, 1904

The joint commencement of the Franklin and Troy township schools will be held at Jerusalem church, Thursday evening June 9. The graduates are as follows:
Franklin Tp.-



Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 10, 1904

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Commencement exercises of Troy and Franklin were held at Jerusalem, June 9th,

Misses Bessie and Ada Shoemaker of Fayette, Ohio arrived Wednesday noon to attend the commencement exercises.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT
(GENERAL REPORT)

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

Not sure where these teachers were teaching within the township during the spring and fall of 1905.

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| Apr.1, 1905 | Prudence Albright, | teaching | $246.00 |
| April 7, | Elva Albright, | teaching | $210.00 |
| Apr. 7 | Elva Albright | Attending institute | $14.00 |
| Apr. 7 | Prudence Firestone | attending institute | $16.10 |
| Oct .28 | Prudence Firestone | (spring #4?) teaching | $50.00 |
| Nov.23 | Prudence Firestone, | teaching | $45.00 |
| Nov.18 | Myra Scott | teaching | $ 50.00 |

Special School Fund

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| Jan. 31, 1905 | A Everhart, | 39 1/4 cds wood. | 55.63 |
| Feb. 15 | Chancey Baxter | 16 cds. wood | 25.60 |
| Mar. 10 | A. Everhart, | wood at 1.40 and 1.50 | 50.10 |
| Feb. 3 | D. L. Leas, | toweling | 1.10 |
| Apr. 1 | Alonzo Matson | 16 1//4 cds wood | 21.94 |
| Apr. 1 | A. Everhart, | balance for wood | 15.40 |
| Apr. 14 | Lewis Houlton | 2 cd hard dry wood | 4.25 |
| May 11 | Edson Beard, | pail, basin, glass etc. | 1.70 |
| May 11 | J. C. Day and others | pipe, rope etc. | 2.43 |
| Mar. 10 | R.. Platt | wood at 1.75 | 45.50 |
| Mar. 10 | Allen Wolf, | wood at 1.60 | 25.50 |
| June 24 | J. E Sturges, | music commencement | 12.60 |
| June 28 | C. M. TenEyck, | flowers for commencement | 1.00 |
| June 28 | F. W. Willis & Son, | 100 commencement & house programs | 9.50 |
| July 14 | D H. Goble, | home and school visitor for last year & 25 manuscripts | 14.13 |
| | Geddes & Harding, | floor oil | 1.20 |
| Aug. 15 | W. J. Whetsel, | bunting, ribbon, etc for commencement | 2.50 |
| Aug. 15 | L. H. Higley, | treas. & transfers | 30.20 |
| Sept. 9 | Byron Johnson, | oiling sch house floors and hauling, cement | 3.44 |

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| Sept.12 | John C. Clark, trustee | 1 transfer | 10.50 |
| Sept. 15 | J. O. Mann, | moving desks, stove, etc. | .75 |
| Sept. 19 | H. K. Leas, treas. | ten brooms | 2.00 |
| Sept. 19 | E. Harpster, | repairing closet | 5.00 |
| Sept.23 | M. K. Houlton, | 5 brooms | 2.00 |
| Oct. 5 | Montgomery Ward, | 8 therm'ters | 1.60 |
| Oct.7 | Lowell Stutler, | building cement steps & 28 cement blocks & lime | 6.50 |
| Oct. 17 | Chattanooga Stove Co. | repairs | 2.04 |
| Oct. 26 | Dick Platt, | hauling coal | 3.00 |
| Nov. 3 | S. E. Conner, | one stove | 18.40 |
| Nov. 4 | F. D. Spurling et al, | frgt. express etc | 2.45 |
| Nov. 6 | S. W. Beidler, | | |
| Dec. 6 | C. E. Swift, | wall paper and window shade | 13.75 |
| Dec. 6 | John Dargue, | soap, combs, cups | 1.20 |
| Dec. 7 | B. B. Taylor, | hauling gravel and stone for steps | 4.00 |

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| Dec. 8 | S.. G. Stone | 11 window shades/wall paper | 5.87 |
| Dec. 8 | Gengnagel & Son | sink, glass, etc. | 4.25 |
| Dec. 9 | M. A. Howard. | 1 bbl lime, 2 bbl cement, 2 sacks pulp plaster | 4.83 |
| Dec. 16 | W. L. Baker & Co | a bbl floor oil, freight, chairs, register, dictionaries and crayon | 43.15 |
| Dec. 19 | Sinclair & Son, | 2 sheets zinc | 2.70 |
| Dec. 29 | F. W. Willis & Son, | 6 doz, exam manuscripts, record for advisory board | 7.62 |
| Dec. 29 | J. C. Day, | bolts, locks, etc. | 1.28 |
| Jan. 1, 1906 | Theodore Hunt, | repairing stove | .25 |
| Jan. 2 | M. J. Waterman, | handling school books during year 1905 | 5.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 27, 1906

Word has been received from Miss Pearl Huyck, a former teacher in our public schools, from Palo Alto, California, that the buildings of the Stanford Leland University where she was, were completely destroyed by the earthquake and one student and the janitor were killed, but Miss Huyck was unharmed.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 15, 1906

The Franklin township commencement was held at Pleasant View church on Thursday evening June 14. They had fifteen graduates who were as follows: James M. Lowe, Wavah Elsie Everetts, Tina Clark, Iva D. Lewis, Lee W. Hodges, Blanche Smith, Marion Jackman, Edna Pearl Ford, Vesta Pearl Lautzenhiser, Lois May Snyder, Leslie Hamman, Gertrude Everetts, Edna M. Wolfe, Audra Holton and Wendell Scott.

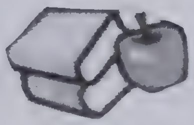
Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 5, 1907

WE PASSED
Say Twenty-four Eighth Grade Pupils With Great Joy.

County Superintendent H. E. Coe has finished grading the manuscripts of more than two hundred and forty applicants for graduation at the examination held in the various townships Saturday, March 16. Out of the large number but twenty-four passed or about one-tenth. The graduation exercises will be held during the month of June. The next examination will be held at the same place as the former, April 20, at which time those who failed in but one study or were "conditional" will have another chance of breaking through. The following are the fortunate ones.

Butler Township————-Goldie Houser
Concord Township——Merritt Maxwell,
Clarence Sieward(?), Leland Fales.
Fairfield Township——— Daniel Mertz,
Walter Beight
Franklin Township———-Linda Houlton
Grant Township——-Mable Husselman,
Jackson Township———-Elza Gall,
Elsie Farver, Vesta Elson,
George Weaver, Nixon Lawhead,
Kent Provines, Joyce Wilcox
Keyser Township————- Eva Mitchell,
Artie Shull
Newville Township——————Ruth Poince,
Ana Bear, Edna Wolf
Richland Township———Lottie Graham
Smithfield Township——Goldie Bowers
Troy Township————-Chas. D. Wiley
Wilmington Township- Gladys Dannells.
-Dispatch

NOTE: According to the record of Township Graduates Book. for 1907.
Linda Houlton was 15 and graduated from school 1.
Opal Houlton was 16 and graduated from school 1.
J. A. Lautzenhiser was their teacher



Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
December 20, 1907

B. F. Lautzenheiser, son of E. E. Lautzenheiser of Franklin township, was married Thanksgiving day to Miss Cleo Bass of Fort Wayne. Mr. Lautzenheiser was formerly a successful teacher in DeKalb county public schools and now holds a good position in Dayton, Ohio, where the newly married couple will make their home.--Press.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
July 31, 1908

This is a wedding of Mary M. McCague (teacher) to John W. Brown who had been a trustee in Franklin township.

Mary M. McCague was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Newcomer. She had been married to Edward P McCague in 1899, He died Feb. 12, 1902.

Both parties are well and favorably known in the county. Mr. Brown is the present republican county chairman, having served two terms previous to his present one. He was also a candidate for county treasurer in 1902 and came very nearly being elected even in face of a democratic majority. He served his township a little over five years as trustee and made a record that led his party to urging him to be a candidate for county treasurer. He has one of Franklin township's best homes, and is a most esteemed neighbor and citizen.

No words can speak too well for his bride. She is a women enjoying the respect and confidence of legions of friends. For about six years she has been a teacher in the Waterloo schools and was re-employed for another year when Cupid darted her heart and she resigned to become instructress in the Brown home. Before her former marriage she taught in Franklin township under Mr. Brown as trustee,

She also taught one term in Smithfield, thus making eleven years in the ranks of DeKalb county's teachers."

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1909

Note: Obituary for Judge J. E. Rose an early resident of Franklin Township. It tells of his early schooling.

OBITUARY

They were thirty-one days in performing the journey to Indiana, arriving in what is now Stafford township, DeKalb county, on the third day of October, 1836. DeKalb county was then a wilderness almost unbroken. It was amid the environments of those primeval conditions that the boyhood of James E. Rose opened. His playground was a labyrinth of stately trees and tangled vines. His first school was by the fireplace in his father's cabin, his devoted mother being his preceptress. Such were his advantages for obtaining an education, and yet from these home instructions he was fitted to teach a common school when sixteen years old. For the four following years he worked at home from spring to autumn and taught school during the winter months, establishing a reputation that reflected credit upon his mother teacher as an instructor and upon himself as well as a diligent and observant student.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
May 6, 1910

CLASS OF 1910
Common School Turn Out a Large Number of Eighth Grade Graduates

County Superintendent H. E. Coe has completed his work of grading the papers of those aspiring to graduate from the eight grade in the common schools of the county--those who took the April examination on the 16th inst., and finds that fifty nine had sufficient grades to be entitled to diplomas. This number with the March class makes the total number of graduates 120. The fortunate ones this month from the vicinity of Butler are as follows:

Franklin--Zella Huntington, George L Spake, Burt Lee Stuller, Glenna Eaton, Virgil Johnson, Ward Gunsenhouser, Florence Spake, Mary M. Martin.

Newville--Fern Tarney, George L Strong, Gladys Abel.

Stafford--Claude Hollinger, Raye W. Miller, Melvin L. Smurr, Buelah M. Howard, Wayland D. I. Mutzfeld, Evelyn H. Searfoss.

Spencer--Ralph M. Lake, Gertrude E. Shutt, Howard I. Pervines, Hubert Shook, Mervin J. Place, Louis Fischer.

Troy--Mabel Aldrich

Wilmington--Edna Palmerton, Ida E. Hankey, Eva Souder, Mary I. Ridenhour.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
July 14, 1911

TARBOX

Fred D. Tarbox was born in DeKalb county, Indiana, Jan.9, 1887, and departed this life at El Paso, Texas, July 3, 1911. His age was 24 years, 5 months and 24 days.

He graduated from the common schools of Franklin township in 1903. and from the Butler high school in 1907. He then spent one year in preparing himself to teach and became a teacher in the DeKalb county schools in the fall of 1908. On Feb. 15, 1909, he was compelled to give up his teaching because of sickness, and soon after went to El Paso, Texas hoping to regain his health.....

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
July 28, 1911

North Franklin

Mr. Furney and wife, nee Ina Gurtner, a former Franklin township lady and school teacher, have returned from the Philippines where they for three years had been teaching school.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
April 4, 1912

The Misses Mabel Murch and Hilda Whitman will leave this week for Ypsalanti, Mich. where they will take a course of teacher's training.

DeKalb County Herald
Butler, Indiana
August 29, 1912

Miss Pearl Huyck, Supt. of the Pacific Grove grammar school. and her cousin, Miss Thelma Peterson, who have been visiting the former's parents, J.T. Huyck and wife left the 20th for California and expect to reach their destination Tuesday of this week

DeKalb County Herald
Butler, Indiana
August 30, 1912

Lute (Lewis) Albright and Theo Beumont are cleaning, papering and painting and getting several of the school houses ready for school, in Franklin township.

School No.2, 4, 5, and 6

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
October 4, 1912

Miss Mabelle Murch has gone to Ypsilanti, Mich. where she will take a special course in primary work at the normal school.

De Kalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 19, 1912

North Franklin

Perry Hammond had to dismiss his grades Monday afternoon on account of sickness.

*Not sure at what school he was teaching.

DeKalb County Herald
Butler, Indiana
September 3, 1914

Mabel Murch, also Prof Eiseuman left this week for Sioux City, Iowa where they will teach.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 18, 1914

Last Monday P. M a telegram was received announcing the marriage at Santa Rosa, Cal., of Miss Pearl Huyck and Dr. Richard Fricke, a prominent physician of Oakland, Cal. They will reside at the latter place

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
February 1917

Franklin

Miss Gertrude Oberlin was ill last week with chicken-pox, and few scholars were absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 1917

A lot of the students were absent from school the first part of February due to sickness. Virgil Huntington, Daisy Sullivan, Anna Ball, and Velma Haverstock were some students that were home because of illness.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 18, 1918

Franklin

Nearly all the children of this community are suffering from cold. They are trying to continue in school. Frank McCollough, who has not been able to attend school for a couple of weeks started in again this week.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1918

Franklin

Clara Hultz started to school again Monday after three weeks absence on account of sickness.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 7, 1918

### Exercises Held at Court Theatre in Auburn

The county graduates from the common schools held their exercises in the Court Theatre at Auburn Thursday when they received their diplomas. The graduates from the township in the vicinity were: Franklin: Frank V. McCullough, Esta Gertrude Sheets, Gertrude M. Oberlin, Virgil F. Huntington, Frank Wagner, Wilber Mark Clark, C. Platt, Bernice Everetts, Naomi Mae Hamman, Ruby P. Schultz, Flora Dixon, Doris Jennings, Grace Audra Richey, Ethel Beard, Grace E. Newcomer, Gaylord Wing, Julius Jakobi, Carlton Miser, Darl Favorite, Gerald B. Anthony.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 20, 1919

Franklin

Velda Huntington is absent from school and is under the doctor's care, for several days and is only slightly improved at present.

Gertrude Oberlin visited the pupils at Center school Monday. Her sister, Florence started as a beginner.

Vara and Wara Fifer are both ill at present. Vara was unable to attend school.

Class of 1919
Butler High School, Butler, Indiana
Tropaeum 1920

Grace Ginder has spent one summer at Tri-State Normal School and now is a teacher in Franklin Twp

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 7, 1923

## THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

The Bible will be a text-book in the district schools of DeKalb county beginning next fall, as a result of action taken by the township trustees at their meeting in Auburn Monday. The trustees and County Superintendent, Clarence Green, had previously discussed the advisability of introducing the Bible into the schools. Mr. Green obtained a copy of "The Children's Bible." and on Monday he recommended that the trustees buy a sufficient number of copies to furnish one to each room in the district schools. They approved his suggestion and ordered the books. This book is edited by Henry A. Sherman, head of the department of religious literature of Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers and Charles Foster Kent Woolsey, professor of Biblical literature of Yale university. The book is written in language that children can understand and the interpretation of the editors is non-sectarian. It is proposed that the book be used universally in the district schools as a supplementary reader and for other work. At the present time the Auburn high school is the only school in the county in which the Bible is a part of the curriculum. During the last year the Rev. A. P. Bourns, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian church, taught a high school Bible class. While the township trustees were in their meeting Monday, Mr. Green gave each of them a copy of the Indiana laws relating to public schools. This was prepared under the direction of the state superintendent of public instruction.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 7, 1923

## 150 Graduates From the Country Schools of the County

Following the meeting of the township trustees in the court house Monday, when the final arrangements for the annual district school commencement were made, County Superintendent Clarence Green, Tuesday gave out the program as well as the list of 146 graduates. To the latter will be added five graduates of the Corunna schools who will participate in the county commencement. The commencement will be held in Auburn Thursday, June 14. The graduates will gather in the assembly room of the court house at 1:30 o'clock when the trustees will present them with their diplomas. At 1:45 will begin a parade around the court house square. The procession will be led by the Auburn band. The commencement exercises will be held at the Court theatre at 2 o'clock.. The invocation will be by the Rev. E. E. Tripper pastor of the Auburn M. E. Church. The address will be delivered by Prof. J. L. McBrien, of the State Normal School, of Terre Haute. Following the address County Superintendent Green will make announcements. The benediction will conclude the exercises. There will also be music on the program. Following the main program, the presentation of souvenirs by the Auburn business men will of the county are as follows:take place and Photographer M. A. Sheets of Garrett, will take the class pictures. The class colors are red and white and the class flowers are the red and white carnations.

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The graduates from this part Franklin Twp.

Marguerite Carpenter, School #1
Alice M. Hagerty, School # 1
Florence M. Chapman, School #2
Emma Radabaugh, School # 2
Charles George Beres, School #3
Dorothy E. Bonecutter, School # 4
Irene Anna Deitzen, School #4
Milford W. Snyder, School #4
Josephine Getts, School #5
Kenneth Holman, School #5
Johnnie Schrader, School #5
Helen Jennings, School #6
Mary Kandel, School #6
Cecil Eugene Rose, School #6
Edgar C. Lowe, School #7
Jerauld Teutsch, School #7
Helen Gertrude Wagner, School #7
Gail Wynkoop, School #7
Helen Irene Haverstocck, School #8
Vada Eudora Sattison, School #8
Francis E. White, School #9

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 10, 1924

Franklin

Stella Fifer started to school again Monday

Freeman Fifer and wife were at Butler Monday on business. Little Wava Fifer was absent from school Monday on account of a severe cough

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 10, 1924

### 8TH GRADE COMMENCEMENT

Trustees of DeKalb county, meeting in Auburn Monday, selected June 10 as the date for the county eighth grade commencement exercises this year. The commencement program will be given in the Court theater starting at 2 o'clock in in the afternoon.

Judge Dan M. Link of Auburn, was selected as the speaker of the day. The graduates will meet at the assembly room of the court house at 1 o'clock and received their diplomas after which they will march to the theater

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 10, 1924

Franklin

Sunday, April 6th being Opal Huntington's ninth birthday her mother invited nine little girls to help her celebrate the day. They enjoyed the afternoon playing and were served refreshments, the cake holding nine tiny candles.

Miss Francis Cherry who has been sick and out of school ten weeks is again able to be out some.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
June 5, 1924

**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES**
**1924 Franklin Twp.**

Andrew Seaman No. 3
Grace Spansler No. 4
Floyd Bonecutter, No. 4
Vera Fifer No. 5
Velda Bernice Huntington No. 6
Delbert Leroy Platt No. 6
Lois G. Mitchell, No. 7
Bessie Mae Snyder No. 7
Thelma Cherry No. No. 9
Frances I. Cherry No..9
Edward A. Matson No.9
Viola A. Shultz, No. 9

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
August 28, 1924

Franklin

School begins Monday both town and country. Bruce Ratts, Kenneth Holman, Velda Huntington, Gale Wyncoop and Vera Fifter are preparing to attend the Butler High School.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 25, 1924

Enrollment of Rural Schools

The enrollment of the rural schools in the county is 2, 278, in which are included three high schools, St. Joe 51, Ashley, 69 and Spencerville with 43. The enrollment of the fifteen townships is as follows:

Butler, 131; Concord, 165; Fairfield, 158: Franklin, 189; Grant. 78; Jackson, 179; Keyser, 229; Newville, 80; Richland. 128; Smithfield, 266; Spencer. 102; Stafford, 76; Troy. 91; Union 42 and Wilmington, 201.

Miss Bessie Rupp is teacher in Stafford township No 5, school; Clayton Wyatt, Wilmington No. 7; Mark Shull, Wilmington No. 8 and John Reinohl, Keyser No. 5. Newville township, No. 3, Lehr Wilder; No.5, Gladys Conine.

Newville consolidated school, Glen Hart, grades 5, 6, 7 and 8; Hazel Kline, grades 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1924

Waldo Anthony, Orla Fee, Edson Bard and Olive Gurtner were among the Franklin teachers who attended the Teachers' Meeting at Auburn.. Saturday.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1925

THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The Rev. Arthur J. Folsom, a noted Fort Wayne divine, will be the speaker at the annual commencement of the DeKalb county district schools, which will be held at the Auburn high school gymnasium on Thursday, June 11, at 2 o'clock, Arrangements for the commencement were made at the monthly meeting of the township trustees at the court house Monday. The graduates will number nearly 200. They will assemble at the court house assembly room, where they will be presented with their diplomas by County Superintendent Charles Green and the trustees. The class colors will be red, white and blue. Each graduate will receive a red and white carnation and a ribbon badge in the class colors. They will then go to the lawn on the east side of the court house, where a class picture will be taken by M. A. Sheets of Garrett. Led by the Butler Ladies and accompanied by the county superintendent and the trustees, the graduates will march to the gymnasium on South Cedar street opposite the high school. Chairs will be placed on the playing floor, making the seating capacity 3,300. About two-thirds of the seating capacity will be reserved for the parents and other relatives of the graduates. Heretofore there has been no building available of sufficient size to accommodate those who wanted to attend the commencement, but it is believed the gymnasium will prove adequate. Edward W. Koons of Auburn, county attendance officer, will act as chief usher. The speaker of the day will be introduced by Mr. Green. The final examination for the district schools will be held May 16 to accommodate fifteen pupils who were conditioned as a result of the last previous examination. The number who passed the previous examinations is 176

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
May 28, 1925

## COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

### Two Hundred and Nine Graduate from County Schools

Two hundred and nine will graduate from the rural schools of DeKalb county this year according to an announcement made today by Clarence Green, county superintendent. Mr. Green completed the grading of the final examination papers Monday.

Last year the number to graduate was 205 so this year's class will have four more members than the one last year.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Alumni gymnasium in Auburn on Thursday, June 11.

The following program has been arranged for the day:

Presentation of Diplomas by Township Trustees: 1:30. Assembly Room of Court house.

Taking of the Class Picture, 1:45. East of Court House.

March to High School Gymnasium 2:00. Trustees, teachers and graduates led by the Butler Ladies Band.

Commencement Exercises. High School Gymnasium.

Music. Invercargill, Lithgow; Butler Ladies Band.

Invocation,

Music. Sky Pilot Overture, Laurens, Butler Ladies Band.

Presentation of Gifts by Auburn Business Men, Willis Rhoads.

Music, Songs From the Old Folks, Butler Ladies Band.

Address, Rev. Arthur J.. Folsom, Pastor First Congregational Church, Fort Wayne.

Music, Texarkana, Holmes. Butler Ladies Band,

Announcement of Names of Honor Students, County Superintendent Clarence Green.

Music.. Tuscarawas, Butler Ladies Band,

Benediction.

The graduates from Franklin Twp, are as follows:
Wesley Evans, No. #1
Etta E. Gurtner, No. #1
Zelda Katherine Golda Chapman, No. #2
Dona N. Radabaugh, No. #2
Eva Blanch Richey, No. #3
Joseph G. Szeman, No. #3
Grace E. Bonecutter, No. #4
Mary Bonecutter, No. #4
Lois Eva Dangler, No. #4
Anna Lucile Henderson, No. #5
Erma Mae Jennings, No. #7
John Robert Lowe, No. #7
Ialeene Teutsch, No. #7
Kenneth Haverstock No. #8
Charles L. Hodges, No. #9
Ellsworth J. Hodges, No. #9
Ralph D. Newcomer No. #9
Mildred E. Newcomer, No. #9
Roberta Olive White. No. #9
Gerald Wade, No. #9

## HONOR GRADUATES

The program at the gymnasium included the announcement by the county superintendent of the honor graduates, who are the pupils receiving grades of 90 or more, Those from this part of the county were as follows:

FRANKLIN
Erma Mae Jennings, (No.#7), 92 per cent
John Robert Lowe (No. #7), 91.2 per cent
Charles L. Hodges, (No.#9), 90.3 per cent

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
May 27, 1926

## THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Plans are complete for the annual commencement of the DeKalb county common schools to be held in the Alumni gymnasium in Auburn on Thursday, June 3. There are 174 graduates this year,

Those who graduated from Franklin Township:

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|---|---|
| William Lewis Schultz, | No. 1 |
| Lillian H. Avery, | No. 2 |
| Weir Crain, | No. 2 |
| Dora E. Radabaugh, | No. 2 |
| Elizabeth Beres, | No. 3 |
| Catherine Hamman, | No. 3 |
| Velma P. Snyder, | No. 3 |
| Helen Szeman, | No. 3 |
| Bernice Beard, | No.4 |
| Edna Royal, | No. 4 |
| Ethel Marie Schuller, | No. 4 |
| Loretta M. Schuller, | No. 4 |
| Esther Louis Shoudel | No. 4 |
| Wayne Winford Clark, | No. 5 |
| Rosie Schrader, | No. 5 |
| Raymond Platt, | No. 6 |
| Doris A. Lowe, | No. 7 |
| Lewis J. Smith, | No. 7 |
| Dorothy M. Wagner, | No. 7 |
| Irene V. Ball, | No. 8 |
| Harold W. Bonecutter, | No. 8 |
| Sylvia Lorene McKean, | No. 8 |
| Albert B. Johnson, | No. 9 |

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
May 30, 1929

## Program Ready For County Eighth Grade Graduates.

The program has been completed for the annual county eighth grade commencement.

The following list of graduates for Franklin Township for the year 1929 was copied from "Common School Graduates.

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| Wayne Douglas | No. 1 |
| Bernadine Evans. | No. 1 |
| Doris M. Hagerty, | No. 1 |
| Melvin Leroy Shultz, | No. 1 |
| Marion H. Dirrim, | No. 2 |
| Carl Dwayne Kepler, | No. 3 |
| Bernard B. Lockwood | No. 3 |
| Alta Lenora Musser, | No. 3 |
| Harold R Stoy, | No. 3 |
| Robert Bruce Bowers, | No. 4 |
| Marguerite Ellert, | No. 4 |
| Lavoyle Headly, | No. 4 |
| Helen M. Szeman, | No. 4 |
| Wava Fifer, | No. 5 |
| Kathryn Holman, | No. 5 |
| Onalee Klinkel, | No. 6 |
| Lowell W. Myers, | No. 6 |
| Ralph S. King, | No. 8 |
| Ada Louise Sattison, | No. 8 |
| Verna Hodges, | No. 9 |
| Willis J. Matson, | No. 9 |

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
January 16, 1931

## DEKALB HAS MORE ONE ROOM SCHOOLS.

DeKalb county has more one room schools than any other county in Indiana north of Indianapolis, according to statistics in the hands of Carl Stallman,

This may not sound so well to proponents of consolidated schools, but on the other hand comparison proves that the average grades in examinations are up with or better than are many counties in the state supporting consolidated schools.

There are 44 one room schools in DeKalb county with as many teachers. A program has been mapped out by Mr. Stallman which gives the teachers in DeKalb county more classes and time for class and individual work approximating that in consolidated school. The excellent work of the teachers in the rural schools of DeKalb county has much to do with the success of the work in the county.

Mr. Stallman from reports compiled from over the state took the medium grade on examinations on particular subjects and compared it with the medium of average grade on the same subject on examination papers from the schools of DeKalb county.

The counties which were the comparisons were based were those having consolidated schools located near large centers like Indianapolis, and in Lake county in the industrial area and found that the seventh grade in reading, one room schools in DeKalb county scored 29 against 25 and in seventh grade physiology DeKalb schools scored 31 to their 28.

In fifth grade history, the DeKalb average score was 29; their was 28 and in geography DeKalb's fifth grade scored an average of 30 to their 29.

In fourth grade arithmetic DeKalb scored 25 to their 24; history, DeKalb scored and average of 21, theirs 19; and in geography DeKalb scored 35 and theirs 33.

In third grade language DeKalb one room schools scored an average of 47 while counties in which there were consolidated schools scored 45.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1931

### Eighth Grade Graduation

The annual commencement of the district schools of DeKalb county will be held in Auburn Wednesday, June 8.

#### Franklin Township Graduates

Don Monroe
Noel Myers
Frances Klinkel
William A. Platt
Marjorie Camp
Robert Matson
Lois Bonecutter
Estelle White
Robert Newcomer
William Weicht
Lloyd Lautzenhiser
Augustine Ellert
Anna Spake
Doris Holman
Mildred Getts
Guy Collet
Arlo Douglas
Marie Werner
Ronald Lockwood
Kathryn Betz
Joyce Marks

#### Franklin Township Teachers

Ruth Hawk
Florabelle D. Kuehn
Dale Wagner
Edson Beard
Gail Wynkoop
Marian Platt
Bruce Gurtner
Arnold Fee
Dana Radabaugh

**From Trustees Report for Schools**
O. H. Griest, teacher retirement fund
Virgil Robinett, mowing
Joe Ellert, hauling child
Alert Imm, hauling child
O. G. Fisher, hauling child
Jay Bunge, repair on school house
Thomas Teegarden, Transfers
Harry Imhoff, Transfers
Jessie Oberlin, Transfers
Glenn L. Myers, Transfers
Walter Mock, clean school house
Francis Nelson, clean school house,
Louis Collet, clean school house, repair building
Glenn Duncan, labor on school house and road
Merritt Maxton, clean, paint and repair school house
C. K. Brown, clean school house
Mrs. Wm. Potter, clean school house
Floyd Musser, hauling child.
Freeman Fifer, mowing and clean school yard
Byrl Duncan, desk
Manuel Miller, clean, mow yard
Frank Lyon, exam records

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 12, 1932

### COMPLETE LIST OF COUNTY GRADUATES IS ANNOUNCED

Carl Stallman, county superintendent of schools, has announced the following list of eighth grade graduates who will receive diplomas at the county commencement exercises to be held in Auburn on Thursday, June 2:

Franklin Township Graduates
Naomi McKean, Elnor Oberlin, Willie Monroe, Rolland Camp, Marie Wynkoop, Jane Culbertson, Glenn D. Clark, Opal Musser, Victoria Seeman, William L. Vose, and Lewis Shultz,

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 5, 1933

From the Annual report of January 5, 1933 for the year 1932 for Franklin Township by John W. Duncan. The following were paid as teachers of Franklin Township. Ruth Hawk, Florabelle D. Kuehn, Dale Wagner, Edson Beard, Gail Wynkoop, Marion Platt, Bruce Gurtner, Arnold Fee (second part of year), Dona Radabaugh (second part of year)

The Hamilton News for September 2, 1932 list the teachers as follows: The teachers in Franklin township for the coming year are: Dona Radabaugh, Edson Beard, Arnold Fee, Opal Knott, Mrs. Alvada LaRowe, Bruce Gurtner, Gail Wynkoop and Flora Belle Kuehn

Those who did work on behalf of the schools in Franklin Township according to the Trustee's Report for the year 1932 are:

Albert Imm, haul child
Joe Ellert, haul child, shovel snow
Geo. F. Cram Co., Maps
O.G. Fisher, haul child
Wm. C. Miller, test sheets
Jay Bunge, repair on school house
Jessie Oberlin, voc. trans.
Noragon & Son, coal
L. F. Schortgen, shovel snow
Wayne Nichols, shovel snow
Chancy Baxter, shovel snow
Albert Shoudel, shovel snow
Dave Whitby, shovel snow
Walter Griffith, repairs
Kiger & Co., sch. Supplies
J. E. Maryman, shovel snow
Thomas Teegarden, transfers
Benny Hurraw, shovel snow
Otis Dirrim, shovel snow
Harry Imhoff, transfers
Jessie Oberlin, transfers
Glen L. Myers, transfers
Walter Mock, clean school house and oil floor
Francis Nelson, clean school house
John Hagerty, shovel snow
Louis Collet, clean school house, repair building
Glen Duncan, lab on school house and road
Merritt Maxton, clean, paint and repair school house
C. K. Brown, clean school house
Floyd Musser, haul child
Mrs. Wm. Potter, clean school
Freeman Fifer, mowing and clean school yard
John E. Isenbarger, fix drain
Frank Shoudel, fix well
Tom Day, coal
Lewis Day, shovel snow
Byrl Duncan, desk
Theo Hunt, fix drain
Manuel Miller, clean, mow yd.
Frank Lyon, exam records
Ray Holman, glass.
David Gurtner, wood

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 25, 1933

## CLASS OF 188 WILL TAKE PART IN COMMENCEMENT

A class of 188 will take part in the annual county commencement of the DeKalb county district schools, which will be held in Auburn, Thursday, June.

Franklin Township Graduates

Cecil David
Geraldine David
William Getts
William Egbert
June Kepler
Orvil Mock
Glen Douglas
Donna Mock
Leland Fee
Allen Dirrim
Phyllis Bolinger
Argyl Lautzenhiser
Mabel Mann
Donna Platt
Max Klinkel
Paul Bonecutter
Mary Norrick

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 9, 1933

Franklin News

There are six schools in progress in Franklin township of the nine school districts, Nos. 1, 3, and 7 being vacated this term. Mr. Floyd Musser is hack driver for No. 1 pupils

Road constructors are busy on the Franklin township road leading from one mile north of the Center to College Corners at present, connecting the two schools by a gravel road.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 25, 1934

Trustee's Report for Franklin Township for the year 1933.

John W. Duncan reporting lists the following teachers who taught in Franklin Township during the year 1933 (some would be teaching from the fall of 1932 to June 1933. Others were teaching in the fall of 1933 for the following year.

Alvada LaRowe
Dona Radabaugh
Bruce Gurtner (seems payment stopped after June)
Opal Knott (seems payment stopped after June)
Arnold Fee
Edson Beard
Gail Wynkoop
Olive Wagner (started being paid in September)
Orlie Willennar (started being paid in September)

Those who did work for the school and were paid by trustee:

Floyd Musser, hauling children
Frank Funk, wood
O. G. Fisher, haul children
Bruce Gurtner, wood
Thos. W. Teegardin, transfers to Hamilton
Jesse Oberlin, transfers to Butler
Harry Imhoff, transfers
Orle Willennar, haul children,
Elmer Gaff, haul children
John Platt, wood
Wm. Miller, grade cards, etc.
Hayword Pub. Co. Int. report cards
Kiger & Co. supplies
Gail Wynkoop, haul children
Noragon & Sons, coal
Beacon Oil Co., floor oil.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 25, 1934

## SCARLET FEVER GAINS; SCHOOLS CLOSED

### Health Officer Urges That Children Be Kept Off The Streets.

As the result of the rapid spreading of an epidemic of scarlet fever and small pox in the community during the past ten days, the schools, library, churches and other public places have been closed temporarily by recommendations of Dr. W. F. Shumaker, who was recently re-appointed by the new town board of trustees as Health Officer, and the other local physicians, in an endeavor to check further spreading

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 30, 1934

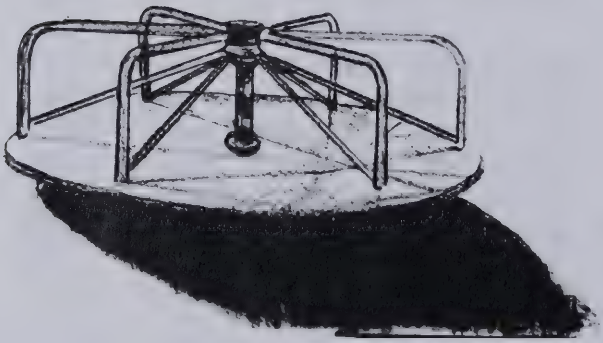
Franklin News

Snow drifts delayed workers several hours, who had to drive on by-roads Tuesday and then only by aid of kind neighbors were some extracted from the snow drifts. Main roads were opened early and did not delay school children in most places.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 30, 1934

## Children Find More Barberry Bushes In DeKalb County

Escaped common barberry bushes which spread the destructive black stem rust to small grains have been found on two more farms in DeKalb county. Charles Beaty, Jr., fifth grade student in the Harrison elementary school at Auburn, has reported about 30 escaped bushes on what is known as the Peter Ditmer farm near Auburn Junction, and Marguerite Sechler, eighth grade student in the Harscrabble school in Troy Township, has found about 12 escaped bushes on the Will Weber farm about six miles northeast of Butler. Marguerite is 14 years old and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sechler. The bushes which she found are about a mile and a half from those reported by Lyle Everetts of the Learned school several days ago. Evidently these bushes have spread over a large area from seeds scattered by the birds. In response to a talk given in the schools a few weeks ago by a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, the efforts of the pupils in finding these rust-spreading bushes and the co-operation of the teachers throughout the county are very commendable.



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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 30, 1934

Following is a list of teachers in the rural schools of DeKalb county and the trustees in charge:
Franklin township:--John Duncan, trustee, Waterloo; Gail Wynkoop, Edson Beard, Olive Wagner, Dona Radabaugh, Orlie Willennar and Alvada LaRowe

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 11, 1934

## Only 137 Eighth Grade Graduate In Rural Schools Of County

This year one hundred and thirty-seven eighth grade graduates of the district schools of DeKalb county will receive diplomas when the annual commencement is held in Auburn Wednesday, June 6,

This is one of the smallest classes in years. Keyser township heads the list with 23 graduates, Grant, Concord, Spencer and Smithfield townships are not represented. Fairfield has 14 graduates, Franklin 13, Jackson 14, Newville 14, Richland 16, Stafford 9. Troy 10, Union 7, Butler 6, and Wilmington 11

Those graduating from Franklin township: Nina Musser, Dayton Lockwood, Norman H Dohner, Frances Mae Camp, Scott Evans, Juanita Elaine Allomong, Thoris K Culbertson, Herman Ellert, Clayton W. Ellert, Maxine Houser, Glen Bonecutter, E. Ross Holman and Delbert Clark

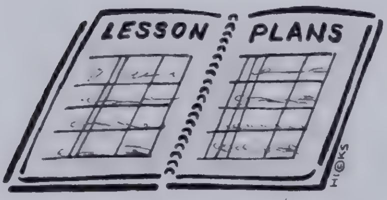
Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 24, 1935

Trustees Report by John W. Duncan, for Franklin township for the year ending 1934 and published lists payment to the following teachers from January 1933 to the end of December 1933.

Olive Wagner
Edson Beard
Alvada LaRowe
Dona Radabaugh
Orlie Willennaar
Gail Wynkoop

The Trustee's Report shows the following individuals were paid for work done on behalf of the school:

Elmer Gaff, haul child
Floyd Musser, haul child
Frank Shoudel, rep. well
Gail Wynkoop, haul child
O. Willennar, haul child
S. McAllister, well
C. Camp, cleaning school house
Mrs. John Mock, cleaning school house.
Freeman Fifer, cleaning school house
Chas, Hodges, cleaning school house
Mrs Maude Vose, cleaning school house
Mrs. Otis Betz, cleaning school house
Harold Carpenter, haul child.
Hamilton schools, transfers
Auburn schools, transfers
Butler schools, transfers
Alvada LaRowe, supplies
Frontier Press Co. supplies
Kiger & Co., supplies
Butler Lumber Co. supplies
Hamilton Lumber Co. flooring
Day Coal Co., coal
Mutzfeld & Sons, supplies
Noragon & Sons, coal



Commencement 1900

Took place at Pleasant Chapel 14th annual commencement

**GRADUATES**

**Franklin Township**

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|---|---|
| Nettie M. Oster | District #2 |
| Myra B. Scott | District #2 |
| Ethel Huntington | District #5 |
| Prudence Firestone | District #5 |

**TEACHERS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

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|---|---|
| Ora Lautzenheiser | District #1 |
| Mae Waterman | District #2 |
| Nellie Newcomer | District #3 |
| Rillie Newcomer McCague | District#. 4 |
| J. A. Lautzenheiser | District #5 |
| Mayme Huyck | District #6 |
| A. L. Shultz | District #7 |
| Sadie McCurdy | District #8 |
| Florence Kittredge | District #9 |

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
November 25, 1935

The parents and teachers of the Franklin Center school organized for the present term with officers as follows: Chairman, Ray Clark; Secretary, Mrs. Crowell; Entertainment committee for November, Ralph Newcomer, Mrs. Lester Jennings and Mrs. Dean Overholt.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 19, 1935

Franklin News

The Center school will give the Christmas program at the Center school Friday evening in connection with the Parent-Teacher meeting for December.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 19, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. Dode Houlton entertained the teachers of Franklin township and County Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Stallman of Auburn and other guests Friday evening to a six o'clock supper, which consisted of chicken sandwiches, fruit salad, angel food and fruit cake, pickles, coffee and oysters.

The evening was spent in playing euchre and bridge. Those present to enjoy the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Stallman, teachers, Dona Shultz, Olive Wagoner, Gail Wynkoop, Opal Bowman, and Orlie Willennar. Other guests were Wm. Shultz, Paul Wagner, Mr. Ridge, Mr. Bowman, Bertie Willennar, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Potter, Mrs. Fietta Platt, an Mr. and Mrs. John Platt and daughter Donna June, Hazel Allwood and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Dode Houlton and son Marion. Two of the teachers, Mildred Wagner and Flora Belle Quehn were unable to attend on account of roads. All departed at a late hour having had a very enjoyable evening.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 14, 1936

156 In County Get Diplomas
Eighth Grade Exercises To Be Held in Auburn Tuesday, June 2nd Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent of schools, Tuesday announced that 156 boys and girls will be graduated next month from the district schools of DeKalb county, having passed the eighth grade examinations.

Franklin Township class:
Junior Barton
Donald L. Pence
Virginia Ilene Allomong,
Ruby Irene Fee
Robert, F. Noragon
Georgia Lucille Musser
Mary Virginia Kepler
Anthony R. Szeman
Virginia Beard
Lois Jennings,
Franklin Norrick
Clarence R.Chapman
Helen Creager
Irene Creager

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 3, 1936

**Rural Teachers Are Announced**
County Superintendent
Carl F. Stallman Lists County Teachers

The directory of the teaching force of the district schools of DeKalb county was announced recently by Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent.

The list contains eighty-five names: Butler township 4, Concord 10, Fairfield 5, Franklin, Richland and Wilmington 6, Jackson 7. Keyser 8, Newville, Stafford and Troy 3, Smithfield 13, Spencer 9, and Union 2.

Franklin Teachers: Orlie Willennar, Gail Wynkoop, Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn, Mrs. Marguerite Blaker, Mrs. Olive Wagner, Mrs. Opal Bowman.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
October 15, 1936

Franklin

The Parent-Teachers meeting and a Halloween program is being planned for the Franklin Center school the last of this month, Mrs. Ruth Bowman, teacher

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 1937

Dode Houlton trustee for Franklin Township for the year ending December 1936 published his report in the Record Herald, January 1937 and lists the following teachers for Franklin Township:

Florabelle Kuehn
Opal Bowman
Olive Wagner also hauled school children,
Mildred Wagoner
Orile Willennar
Gail Wynkoop
Marguerite C. Blaker , was teaching in September

Those who were paid for working on behalf of the school were:

David Linn, haul children
Floyd Musser, haul children
Elmer Gaff, haul children
Dona Shultz, bal. sal., institute & school books.
Orvill Mock, oil floors,
H.S.McKean, wood,
Day Coal, coal,
Noragon & Son, coal,
J. W. Camp, transfers Butler School, transfers Waterloo School, transfers,
Roscoe Watkins, transfers
A.A. Gould, repairs
Cassius C. Zimmer, transfers
Otis Betz, mow and clean
Mrs. Lester Jennings, clean
Mrs.Waldo Sattison, clean
Mrs. H. S. McKean, clean
Mrs. Dan Ellert, clean
Mrs. John Mock, clean
Burt Kepler, labor and material on school houses
Robert Platt, wood
Dan Ellert, wood.
Kiger & Co. supplies
R. L. Kissinger, supplies
Ben. C. Courtney, supplies
Hamilton Lbr. co. supplies
Hamilton Hdw. supplies
Frank G. Shoudel, supplies
J. B. Munn, books
C. H. Hall, brooms
Wm. Potter, wood

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 2. 1937

### RURAL SCHOOLS ARE ABANDONED

**Two In Troy Township And One In Jackson to Remain Closed**

With the beginning of the 1937-38 term of the district schools of DeKalb county, Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent, announces. All the teachers have now been appointed for the district schools.

Franklin township: Margaret Wisner, Gail Wynkoop, Florabelle Kuehn, Opal Bowman, Marguerite Blaker and Mildred Getts.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 18, 1937

### FRANKLIN P.T.A. HEARS TALK ON LINCOLN

The Parent-Teacher Association of Franklin held their monthly meeting last Friday evening at Franklin Center.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman by singing, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," followed by reading the 67 Psalm. Secretary's report was read and approved.

Mr. Charles Ratts then gave a most appreciated talk on co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils.

A playlet was given by Miss Veida Clark and Messers Glenn and Delbert Clark, entitled, "The Quack Doctor," which proves that Franklin Center has some good actors in her numbers.

Being Lincoln's birthday, Mr. Knott father of the teacher, Miss Opal Bowman, gave a talk on Lincoln's daily life, from the log cabin to the White House.

America" was then sung, after which Mrs. Effie Shultz gave a reading, "Five Husbands." Mrs. Shultz always brings a laugh when on our program. The meeting closed and candy and pop corn were served

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 23, 1937

Franklin

The teachers of Franklin are preparing jointly. a booth for the Fall fair at Auburn for the six schools in this township.

The schools of the township are having the service of a music teacher each Tuesday.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 12, 1938

### 141 Rural Students To Graduate June 1st.

Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent of schools, announces that 141 graduates of the district schools of the county will receive diplomas at the annual commencement to be held in Auburn, June 1.

The Class will proceed from the high school to the gymnasium at 2 o'clock for the program. Mr. Stallman will preside and the speaker will be Grover Van Duyn, assistant state supervisor of public instruction. Music will be furnished by the Auburn High School band. At the completion of the program a picture of the class will be taken by Photographer, H. A. Sheets of Garrett.

Keyser township will have the largest representation in the class with twenty-four members. The number from the other townships follows: Butler 12, Fairfield 8, Franklin 13, Jackson 21, Newville 13, Richland 15, Stafford 6, Troy 4, Union 11, and Wilmington 14.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 12, 1938

**List of graduates**

Franklin Township
Phyllis Jean Sattison
Luella Mae Overholt
Robert Mercer
Daryl Ford
Jack Houser
Harold Ellert
Frank Mark
Annabelle Bonecutter
Charles E. Barrett
Helen Mae Gunsenhouser
Donald Linn
Garmen Dohner
Adelene Rose Allomong

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
June 9, 1938

## LARGE CROWD ATTENDS RURAL EXERCISES

"The most important message to plant in the heart of a child is good citizenship." declared Grover Van Duyn, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, in an inspiring address to the 141 graduates of the rural schools of DeKalb county at Auburn last Wednesday afternoon.

"This is the business of the schools, the churches and the homes." Mr. Van Duyn referred to the time only a few score years aog when there were no free schools and he told of the "marvelous" progress made in the intervening time. "Or fathers and mothers never heard of thousands of privileges and conveniences that you boys and girls enjoy," he said.

"Now there are 700.000 children in the Indiana public schools with many millions of dollars invested. Every business is affected by the public schools and people are willing to spend more money for schools than for any other purpose." said the speaker. Addressing the graduates, Mr. Van Duyn said; "You have the high schools to attend and you should take advantage of them."

He described the commencement as one of the indications of a great civilization. His address was preceded by music by Auburn high school groups and an invocation by the Rev. G. L. Fisher of the Auburn Church of Christ. The speaker was introduced by Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent of schools.

The address was followed by music and Mr. Stallman announced the five honor graduates of the class. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Fisher and afterward the class picture was taken. The gymnasium filled nearly to capacity for the exercises.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 1, 1938

**LIST OF TEACHERS 1938-1939**
**Franklin township**

Anna Carrie
Gail Wynkoop
Florabelle Kuehn
Opal Bowman
Orlie Willennar

Mildred Getts

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 9, 1938

Mr. James Cather has accepted a position in the upper grades of the Edgerton Public school. Mrs. Cather is teaching music in the schools of Stafford, Troy and Franklin townships during the coming school year. The family will move to Edgerton in the near future.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 16, 1939

The P.T.A. meeting of Franklin Center was favored by a talk by the County Superintendent, Mr. Stillman and Mr. Fred Knott of Auburn and some musical numbers conducted by the music teacher,
Mrs. Cather.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton Indiana
March 3, 1939

South Franklin

Miss Ida M. David missed several days last week from school on account of illness. Max and Wendell David were also ill with the flu and were absent from school a few days.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 17. 1939

## RURAL SCHOOLS NAME TEACHERS

### Trustee Walter Mutzfeld Of Wilmington Asks Patrons To Welcome Teachers

Trustee Walter Mutzfeld of Wilmington township has announced the teachers for the several schools. Edgar Willennar of Hamilton and Helen Duncan of Waterloo, will teach at the Moores school; Laura Scoville of Butler, at Habelwitz, Lucille Smurr of Butler, at Hopewell, Ruth Fuller of Butler at Mudsock, and Jean Butler of Angola, at Center.

"With the exception of Miss Duncan and Miss Scoville, who taught last year in Wilmington," says Mr. Mutzfeld, "these are new teachers to most of the school patrons of Wilmington township. We trust that you will welcome them into your community and give them your co -operation as you have the teachers in the past."

**Others Announced**

The list of teachers or the other schools of the county, as announced by County Superintendent Carl F. Stallman, are as follows:

Franklin Township-Anna Carrie, Florabelle Kuehn, Gail Wynkoop, Ercel Beebe, and Maxine Crawford.

Newville Township-Grace Stroh, Karl Hart, Evelyn Smith

Stafford Township-Richard Miller, Clarence Dirrim.

Troy Township-Walter Carper, Evelyn Campbell.

Butler Township-Nellie Moree, Walter Lung, Bonita Fansler, Mentor O'Brien.

Concord Township- Leslie Wilbern, principal and commercial; R. Stanley Garman, social science and biology; Lucille Leffel English and physics; Dale Wicoff, vocational agriculture; Edith Atkinson, Arnold, music Florence Husted English and home economics; Roy Maxwell, grades 5 and 6; Harriet Oberlin, grades 3 and 4; and Mary Calloway grades 1 ad 2.

Fairfiled Township-Willis Reinoehl, Paul Brenneman, Harold Reinoehl, Doris Mertz.

Jackson Township-Velma Rainer, Doris Stuck, Zora Titler,, Margaret Kelly, Winifred Swander, Ruth Kelly.

Keyser Township- Chester Lung, Violet Hall, Samuel Cook, Martha Kennedy, Jay Olinger, Ethel Leins, Ruth Gorrell, Dorothy Lonegram.

RichlandTownship-Ralph Manrow, Essa Reinhart, Estel Shippy, Maxine Johnson, Burt Kepler, Pearl Miller.

Smithfield Township- Fred Frederick, principal and mathematics; Homer Stomm, social science and physical education; John Rose, science and mathematics; Richard W. Latier, agriculture and mathematics; Eva Taylor, English and Latin;

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Mildred Yopst, music and art; Lauretta Gfeller commercial; Marylou Lashbrook home economics; Mary Ann Wolfe, physical education and English; John Shore, grade 6; Mary E. Moore, grade 5; Edrie Teegardin grade 4; Helen Ellert, grade 3; Lois Wise grade 2; Mae Deetz grade 1. Spencer Township-Everett Pascen, Principal, science and physical education; Ida Reed, English; Dale Wicoff, vocational agriculture; Kenton McCrory, social science and Latin; M. Cleo Halleck, commercial; Eva Mae Schwartz, home economics; Geraldine Davis, music, art and physical education. Bina Glawe, grades 5 and 6; Violette Pflaumer, grades 3 and 4; Gladys Impton, grades 1 and 2.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 18, 1940

Trustee's Annual Report to the Advisory Board of the Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, for the year 1939. Dode Houlton, Trustee.

Teachers who were paid during the year 1939.

Margaret Cather
Anna Carrie
Gail Wynkoop
Orlie Willennar
Mildred Getts
Florabelle Kuehn
Opal Bowman
Maxine Crawford
Ercell Beebe

Individuals paid for work done on behalf of the school

Harry Hamman, labor. paint and materials.
Howard Newcomber, hack
Harold Snyder, labor
M. H. Houlton, repairs
Elwood Kepler, labor
Guy Gnagy, labor
Jay DeWitt, supplies
Waterloo schools, transfers
Butler schools, transfers
Lee R. Wise, transfers
Roscoe Watkins, transfers
C. R. Gilert, transfers,
Mrs. Harold Dohner, labor
Mrs. Waldo Sattison, labor
Mrs. Homer McKean, labor
Mrs. Don Ellert, labor
Mrs Lester Jennings, labor
Earl Everetts, labor

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 29, 1941

### RURAL SCHOOLS COMMENCEMENT
### Graduating Exercises To Be Held At Auburn Next Wednesday

Commencement exercises for the eighth grade graduates will be held at the Alumni gymnasium in Auburn next Wednesday, June 4th.

Following in the program:

Presentation of Diplomas 1:00 at Assembly Room of McIntosh High School, Auburn. Graduates are asked to take seats in township groups.

March of Graduates to Gymnasium at 2:00 o'clock.

Music, "March Noble," by Chas. Bock, by Garrett High school band, under the direction of Mr. Wilbur Arnold.

Invocation.

Music, "In a Persian Market," by Albert Katilbey, by Garrett High school band

Address, "The Price of Progress," by Dr. Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Music, "In a Monestary Garden" by Albert Katilbey, by Garrett High school band.

Announcements by Carl F. Stallman, County Superintendent of Schools.

Music, "Legionnaires on Parade" by E. Kleffmore, by Garrett High school band.

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Benediction

The class picture will be taken at the conclusion of the program. Graduates will assemble on the east side of the high school building.

The graduates for Franklin Township are:

Lewis Blanchard, Frances Whitbey, Max Elmer Gaff, Jerry Houser, Delbert Creager, Donald Dean Ford, Mary Louise Maier, Velma Mae Coll Ina Rosabell Norrick, and Dorothy Jeanette Freidenberger

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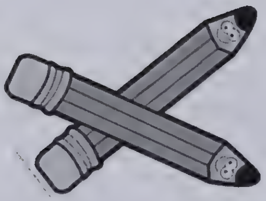
Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 28, 1941

## TEACHERS ANNOUNCED FOR COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS

County Superintendent of Schools, Carl F. Stallman has announced the list of teachers for the DeKalb county district schools for the coming year. School will convene Tuesday, September 2, for the beginning of regular class work

The teachers for Franklin are: Florabelle Kuehn, Orlie Willennar, Gail Wynkoop, Ercell Beebe, Opal Bowman



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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 1, 1942

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Township Trustee's Annual Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana for the year 1941 Dode Houlton, trustee.

Teachers who were paid in the year 1941
Margaret Cather
Anna Carrie
Florabelle Kuehn
Maxine Crawford
Gail Wynkoop
Orlie Willennar and paid for trans.
Excel Beebe

Individuals paid during the year
J. L. Taylor, telephone
F. J. Everett, fuel, etc.
Edward Kepler, labor
H. Newcomer, haul children
Elmer Gaff, haul children
Cecil Vose, haul children
Marriell Maier, haul children
D. M. Mathews, piano
Walter Griffith, repairs
Roscoe Watkins, transfers
Richard Hagerty, mowing
Mrs. D. Ellert, clean school house
Mrs. A. McKean, clean school house
Mrs. L. Jennings, clean school house
Mrs. H. Dohner, clean school house
Fern A. Moore, bond
Jay Dewitt, tests

Business paid during 1941
Ind. Mich. Elec. Co. services
Huntington Lbr, supplies
Waterloo Press, printing
Butler Herald, printing
Auditor, exam records
Butler Post Office, stamps
Day Coal Co. coal
Ind. Farm Mutual Ins. insurance
Mutzfeld & Sons, supplies
NIPSCO, service
Butler Schools, transfers
Smithfield Twp., transfers
Waterloo Schools, transfer

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 12, 1942

Franklin News

The Parent Teachers meeting held at Franklin Center last Friday night was well attended and all present enjoyed the colored pictures given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frisbie of Butler. The pictures were taken of their trip to Florida.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1942

## EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT TO BE JUNE 8

Dr. Myron L. Pontius To Deliver Commencement Address

Final plans for the annual commencement of the district schools of DeKalb county were made Monday at the monthly meeting of the township trustees in the court house. The event will take place in Auburn, Wednesday, June 8.

Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent announces that the 130 graduates from the eighth grade will assemble at 12:30 in the McIntosh high school auditorium, where the trustees will present the diplomas. The class will then proceed to the gymnasium, where a program will be given at 1:30.

The membership of the class is eight less than a year ago. The enrollment in the country schools has been gradually declining. The largest class since Mr. Stallman became superintendent thirteen years ago had 175 graduates. A school house in Jackson and one in Franklin will not be reopened next fall and grades will be combined at Ashley, resulting in a reduction in the number of teachers from 83 to 80.

The 1942 class for Franklin Township:

Mary Louise Dohner, Betty Lou Badman, Donzella Smith, Devota Bender Lela Lucille Haerty, Bernard Schortgen, Mary Elizabeth Miser, Rhea Blanchard, Aloysiius Siebenafer, Lois Newcomer, Marjorie Jean Thompson and Barbara Ann Greenwood.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 3, 1943

## LIST OF GRADUATES FROM EIGHTH GRADE

Total of 126 Received Diplomas In DeKalb County In April. Keyser Township Had the Largest Class, 21

The number of pupils of the district schools of DeKalb county under the supervision of Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent, who received diplomas upon completion of the eighth grade this spring was 126

The township trustees are now engaged in hiring teachers for the 1943-44 school year. Several of the total of 85 in the list have already signified their intention to retire or take other employment and the trustees will have difficulty in filling all the vacancies. The dean of the group is Jay F. Olinger of North Keyser school who will teach his thirty-fifth year.

The graduating list for Franklin township

Hulda Norwick, Alfred Kryder, Lyle Call. Harold Dougles. Thomas Hagerty, Lenore Musser, Marceline Robbins and Frances Schortgen.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 7, 1944

### List Of Teachers In Rural Schools

With contracts having been made by the township trustees with the 73 teachers, two vacancies still existed Friday in the district schools of DeKalb county under the supervision of Carl F. Stallman, Superintendent. Keyser township and Spencerville each needed one more instructor. The enrollment will be about 1,900 pupils ad they called at the school house last Friday to get their books lists and assignments in preparation to the opening of school last Tuesday.

Franklin township--Orlie Willener, Mrs Elizabeth Sites and Mrs. Marguarite Sharp.

Stafford township-Mrs. Garnet Grube and Mrs. Laura Scoville,

Troy township-Mrs. Olive Wagner and Evelyn Campbell

Wilmington township-Mrs Ercell Beebe, Clarence Dirrim, Mrs. Laura Hiatt and Mrs. Dona Schultz.

The music teachers, Mrs. Margaret Cather of Butler and Mrs. Mildred Leever of Auburn, will divide their time between various schools

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
November 23, 1944

### SCHOOLS GATHER PODS

The collection of milkweed pods has progressed very well in DeKalb county according to Mr. Carl F. Stallman, county superintendent of schools, who has supervised this campaign. Almost 2,000 bags have been collected to date.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 23, 1945

### ANNOUNCE TEACHERS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Only One Vacancy Reported By Carl Stallman, Superintendent

Only one vacancy now exist in the teaching staff 0r the district schools of De Kalb County, according to the report made by Carl F. Stallman, County Superintendent of Schools.

New names on the list for Franklin Township are: Orlie Willennar, Mrs. Mary Bopp, and Mrs. Walter Griffith.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 19, 1947

### 35 YEARS AGO

Taken From Our Files (1912)

The list of teachers for Franklin township schools is as follows: L C. Wyncoop, Letha Enzor, Orlie Fee, Elva Albright, Grace Waterman, Lena Cameron, Blanche Smith Grace Whetsel and Blanche Whetsel.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 22, 1948

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Township Trustee's Annual Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana for the year ending, December 31, 1947.
Jessie Bonecutter, Trustee.

Teachers paid for the year 1947
Margaret Cather
Rose Griffith
Mary Jane Boop
Orlie Willennar
Mrs. Ford Kepler (paid small amount-possible substitute)

Individuals paid
Howard Newcomer, haul children, repairs
Elmer Gaff, haul children
Cleland Brown, haul children
Ford Kepler, transfers
Louis Collett, labor
Wm. Potter, insurance
Ralph Hamman, transfers
John Body Shaw, repairs
Carl Haskins, labor and repairs
Elwood Kepler, labor and repairs
Joesph Gerig, supplies
Elmer Deetz, postage
A. A. Gould, water
Dora Lautzenhiser, 4-H leader
Bruce Gurtner, water
Eugene Kelley, telephone

Businesses (partial list)
North Ind. Ser. Co. lights
Ind. & Mich. lights
Butler schools transfers
Carpenter Coal Co. Coal
Allied Inc. supplies
Eddys Hardware supplies
Modern School Supply supplies
A..M. Whitten, service fire equipment

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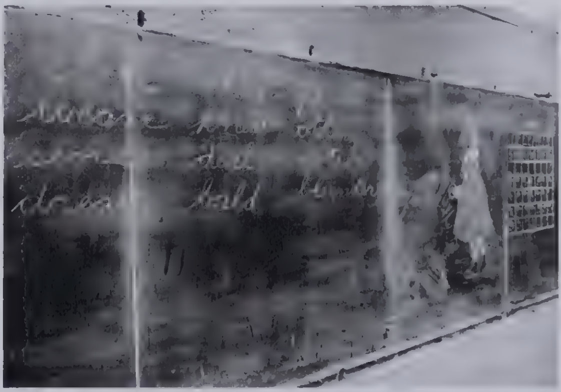
Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 30, 1949

## FRANKLIN SCHOOL STUDENTS SET ATTENDANCE RECORD

Thirty-eight per cent of Franklin township's school enrollment have perfect attendance records the first semester of the school year.

Those having perfect attendance records are:
John Lautsenhiser, Jerry Creager, Harold Baxter, Leslie Nelson, Leonard Royal, Larry Gurtner, Cloyce Baxter, Marilyn Durst, Jerry Hamman, Paul Houlton, Bernard Rickman, Elaine Harrold, Kay Ann Shafer, Billy Badman, Georgia Blanchard, Marlene Ford, Jim Hagerty, Don Kauffman, Lowel Trubey, Ann Willennar, Mary Ann Harrold, Andrew Lock, Richard Creager, Gloria Getts, Roger Holman, Jerry Houlton, Louis Rosenberry Linda Smyth, Maryellen Van Wye, Nora Shafer, Laura Lee Van Wye, Jeanette David, Laura Jean Wagner, Jack Badman, Wayne Hamman, Joyce Rosenberry, Janie Jacobs, Roberta Baxter, Donald Gurtner, Lyle Bowers, John King, George King, Eleanor Beard, Marcele Shafer and Elizabeth Lautsenhiser.



Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 28, 1948

**Eighth Grade Graduates**
**Franklin Township**

Jerry Call
George DeLong
Eugene Harrold
Louis Hunter
Robert Nelson
Helen Palmerton
Melvin Royal
Beverly Shull
Gloria Shull
Janet Smyth
Robert Wagner

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 17, 1948

(taken from the obituary of Orla Fee)

Mr. Fee passed away suddenly of a heart attack about 10 p.m. Thursday. shortly after finishing an address at a Farm Bureau meeting in Gleaners hall northeast of Waterloo. The deceased was a former teacher in Franklin township rural schools. Later he was principal for many years at Pleasant Lake High School. He had completed 36 years of teaching in Steuben and DeKalb counties.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 19, 1949

## COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS HAVE 100 GRADUATES

The following are the graduates from Franklin Township

Donald Badman
Georgia Blanchard
Lee Dohner
Marlee Ford
Jim Hagerty
Don Kauffman
James Richard
DeWayne Weicht
Ann Willennar

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 30, 1950

Due to the fact that Northern Indiana has been visited with so much snow and rain the road the past three months and now that the frost is out of the ground, the roads in this vicinity are bogged down, and in many places, impassable Many country schools are not in session because of the inability of school buses to get through the mud.

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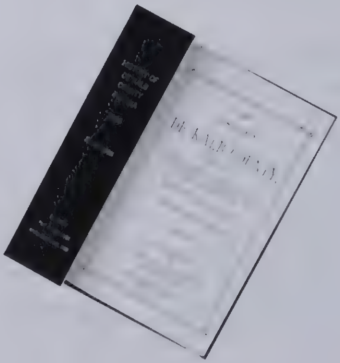
Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
June 1, 1950

Following are the eighth grade graduates from Franklin Township who are under he supervision of Mr. Stallman, County Superintendent. Charles Baird, Rosella Baxter, Alice Dohner, Norma Hamman, Donald Rosenberry, Dorothy Houser, Sharon Smith and Don St. John.



Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 12, 1951

## RURAL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 26

### Seventy Seniors To Graduate

It was too chilly Tuesday for much thought of spring except in the minds of several DeKalb county youngsters who are only a few weeks away from the start of the annual summer school vacation

Students in most of the township grade schools under the jurisdiction of Carl F. Stallman of Auburn, county superintendent of schools, will hear school bells for the last time this school term on Thursday, April 26.

These students are those who attend schools which operate for eight months; Included are the students in the township grade schools in Keyser township (exclusive of Garrett), Union township (exclusive of Auburn), Franklin, Butler township, Newville, Richland, Stafford and Troy townships. There are no schools in Jackson township.

Another group of students, who attend school in Wilmington township and are now under the Butler school system, since the favorable school consolidation vote at the November general election, will close on May 10 after eight-and-a- half months of school. The Butler town school closes May 25 after a nine-months term.

Also closing after eight and a half months on May 10 are the schools in Fairfield township.

The three high schools under the jurisdiction of Mr. Stallman are scheduled to close May 24. The schools include the Concord township school at St Joe, Ashley high school and the Spencerville high school.

The schools in Auburn Garrett which are operated by city school boards, close Friday, May 25. The Grant township consolidated school at Waterloo also closes on that date

### **Nearly 190 Eighth Graders**

Virgil Hagerty, county attendance officer reported Tuesday that an estimated 190 eighth grade students will graduate in the schools under the supervision of Mr. Stallman. The largest number is at Ashley where 27 eighth graders are listed

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
June 15, 1951

Fourteen eighth grade students from Franklin township and five from Troy were graduated this spring according to Carl Stallman, DeKalb Superintendent of Schools. The list is as follows:
FRANKLIN TWP.-- Kenneth Baxter, Noretta Dangler, Gerald Ford, Gloria Getts, Roger Holman, Jerry Houlton, Donald Johnson, Dale Newcomer, Walter Reing, Lenra Spake, Maryellen Van Wye and DeVon Weight.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 23. 1951

Of the 72 teachers hired for the rural schools, those from Franklin township are: Mary J. Bopp, Rose Griffith and Raymond Rensch.

### New Music Instructor

A new music instructor for the rural schools, Mrs. Carolyn Fanning Moody, had been appointed. She replaces Mrs. Margaret Cather of Butler. Mrs. Moody also resides in Butler

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 29, 1952

83 Graduate From County Schools

Following is the list of graduates for Franklin Township:
Sonya Alexander, Eleanor Beard, Allan Bowers, Janet Camp, Janice Camp, Eldon Gurtner, Wayne Hamman, John King, Elizabeth Lautzenhiser, Esther Magginnis, Ruth Presley, Joyce Rosenberry, Dora Shafer, James Shannon, Paul Trubey, Rita Willennar and Charles Loomis.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
June 8, 1952

Mary Jane Bopp graduated with the 1951 class at Manchester College May 28, with distinction. She will go five weeks then she will be granted the Bachelor of Science degree. She has worked long and hard attending college in summer and Saturdays during her teaching terms, finally reaching her goal in five weeks. There were 184 graduates. Walter Bopp, Mrs. Audra Brown and Mrs. Alice Houlton attended the commencement exercises with Mary.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 8, 1953

## LITTLE JANE SMYTH BECOMES SHRINE PATIENT

Little Jane Smyth, 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Smyth of Franklin township, is a patient at the Shriners hospital for Cripple Children in Chicago, which institution she entered on December 26.

It will be recalled that Jane was a victim of polio a year ago last summer, which left her in a crippled condition. Because the little girl was confined to her bed most of the time, and because she was unable to attend school, neighbors, friends and the people went together and bought the little Miss a television set. When Mrs. George W. Iler of Garrett read in the paper of the plight of little Jane and the movement to provide her with a T.V. set, he set to work with the task of getting her admitted to the Shrine hospital. There was a long waiting list, but the day after Christmas, Jane entered the hospital. The hospital is a beautiful place built in 1924 especially for crippled children. There are 30? little boys and 29: little girls in the institution besides Jane. She Is receiving the finest medical treatment in the world, and is attending school work each day for the first time in her life. She would be glad to receive cards and letter, but no gift of any kind are permitted.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 26, 1953

**DeKalb Rural Students In Spelling Bee**

An Old-fashioned spelling contest for all students in schools under the jurisdiction of Superintendent of Schools, Roger Hess of Auburn, will be held April 7 at the St. Joe school.

The contest is the first county wide spelling "bee" held in many years.

Mr. Hess has sent notices to all teachers asking them to certify entries and alternates in each grade by Tuesday, March 31.

Awards will be presented to first three places in each contest. The general public is invited to attend the contest.

The contests starts at 7:30 p.m. on April 7 for grades three, five, seven and nine-ten. Grades four, six, eight and eleven-twelve will start about 8:15 p.m.

Words in the contest will be taken from the regular list of spelling words in student texts. After 30 minutes,, the pronouncer will use an alternate list of more difficult words.

Time allotted for each word is 15 seconds.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 16, 1953

## SPELLING CONTEST A BIG SUCCESS

### 500 Persons Witness Old Fashioned Event

An estimated 500 persons jammed the St. Joe high school last Tuesday night for an old-fashioned spelling contest held for students in DeKalb county's rural schools.

Ribbons to first, second and third place winners in the contest or grades three through senior high school were awarded by the county superintendent of schools, Roger Hess of Auburn.

Pronouncers in the contest were Kent Myers, principal at Spencerville, Walter Reinoehl of Fairfield Center, Estel Shippy of West Richland and Lura Eddy of Tamarack.

The class winners in the 13 grade and junior high schools and the three winners in each class in the senior high schools, participated in contests stage simultaneously in four rooms of the St. Joe school. There was grade completion for grades three through eight, while the senior high school contest was run off between freshmen and sophomores and between juniors and seniors.

**Spelling Contest Winners**

The winners in the spelling contests, announced by Mr. Hess, include:

Third grade--Donna Weicht, Jerusalem school, First

Fourth grade- Linda White, Taylor's Corners, Third

Sixth grade- Carolyn Getts, Taylor's Corners, Second

Eighth grade- George King, Franklin center, Third

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1953

## RURAL SCHOOLS CLOSING FOR SUMMER

Approximately 500 students in rural grade schools under the jurisdiction of County Superintendent of Schools, Roger Hess, went to school for the last time Thursday and Friday. The closing date for eight month schools depends upon the length of the Christmas holiday.

Closing on April 23 or April 24 were the schools in Richland township Newville, Franklin, Troy and Union. The following Wednesday, April 29 marked the closing of the schools in Stafford township. The schools in Stafford township missed the earlier date because two weeks were allowed for the Christmas vacation..

Enrollment in the various schools, based on figures compiled last fall, show 156 students in the tree Richland township schools of Corunna, East Richland and West Richland. 73 in Newville's school; 109 in the three Franklin township schools of Franklin Center, Jerusalem and Taylor's Corners; 61 in the Tamarack school in Troy township; 59 in Union township's Bog Island and Pyle school and 41 in the Stafford schools at Stafford Center and Lyons.

The county's only eight and a half month schools closes May 8. The 1952-1953 school close on that ate for the 141 students at Fairfield Center, according to Mr. Hess.

The three other grade and highs schools under Mr. Hess's jurisdiction, Ashley and Smithfield township, St. Joe and Concord township and Spencerville and Spencer township close Friday May 22.

Franklin Township graduates: Jack Badman, Harvey Depew, Robert Fackler, Richard Getts, Donald Gurtner, George King, Gerald McConnell, Max Reinig, Edwin Shull, Max Trubey,
Ruth Ann Ball, Roberta Baxter, Nora Shafer, Shirley Shull and Lura Lee VanWye.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 20, 1953

## TEACHERS ARE LISTED FOR THE RURAL SCHOOLS

### Doors to Open Fri. Aug.28 for 1600 DeKalb Youth

Teachers for Franklin township are:
Edgar Willennar of Hamilton, grades 7 and 8 at the Center school, Dona Shultz of Butler, grades, 1, 2 and 3 at Jerusalem school Raymond Rensch of Butler, grades 4, 5 and 6 at the school at Taylor's Corners.

The county music instructor for 1953-1954 school year is Dorothy McLean formerly of Cleveland, O

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 21, 1954

Trustee's report filed by Howard Kandel lists the following teachers paid for the year 1953 —Mary Jane Bopp, Raymond Rensch, Dona Shultz, Edgar Willennar, Clara Lou Stuttler, Helen Duncan

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 18, 1954

A spelling contest was held at Taylor's Corners school in Franklin township, DeKalb county on March 11. The winners was Miss Carolyn Getts of Franklin township, Iris Trubey was second with Larry Gurtner third.

Those participating were: Ann and Lynn Alexander, Marilyn Durst, Carolyn Sue Getts, Patricia Getts, Carole Goller, Larry Gurtner, Lyle Holman, Paul Houlton, Doris Jean Lee, Gloria Miser, DeAnna Shull, Betty Schultz, Paul Strater, Iris Trubey, DeVeir Weicht, Linda White and Donna Williamson. Miss Getts is 13 years old and will compete with other representatives from other townships at Ashley on April 6. She represents the 7th grade of the Franklin Center school.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 2, 1954

## ANNOUNCE WINNERS SPELLING CONTEST

### Final Round to be held April 6 at Ashley

Winners in the spelling contests in competition in DeKalb county schools were announced last Saturday by County Superintendent of schools, Roger Hess. The contest was held for students in grades 5 through 8. All schools in the county, except Auburn city and the Butler Metropolitan schools participated in the contest which is being sponsored in 11 Northeastern Indiana counties and four Ohio counties by the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The winners in the individual schools will participate in the county contest at the Ashley School, April 6. County winners will then meet at Fort Wayne May 1 for the area finals at the Central high school auditorium. The winner at Fort Wayne will then participate in the national contest May 17 to May 22 at Washington, D.C.

First prize in the national is $500. with second $300, third $100, Fourth to 20th $50 each an $40 to all remaining finalists. In addition to the $500 first prize, the national winner gets $100 for a weekend trip to New York City and a suite at the Hotel New Yorker,

Listed below are the school winner followed by the runner ups for Franklin township Franklin Center Carolyn Getts, grade 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Getts of Rt. 1, Hicksville, O., and Iris Trubey, grade 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trubey of near Butler.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 15, 1954

## LIST OF EIGHTH GRADE GRADS IN COUNTY

### Some Schools To be dismissed on Friday, April 23rd.

.The graduates for Franklin township are:

Franklin Center in Franklin township list 13 graduates

They are Lyle Bower, Lyle E. Holman, Patsy Lee White, DeVier Weight, Jeanette Louise David, Richard Lee Badman, Marcele Mae Shafer, Leah Grach Higginbotham, Donna Williamson Rita Ann McConnell, Mary Jane Lower, John Durst and Rosalie Ann Farmer.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
November 4, 1954

**Halloween Vandals Active In Franklin Twp.** Halloween vandals struck twice in DeKalb county during the weekend, the sheriff's department reported Monday, causing malicious damage at the Franklin Center school and at the Community hall at Jackson Center.

Sheriff Frank E. Carpenter and Deputy Sheriff George A Mika said vandals broke out two windows in the Community hall at Jackson Center, upset outside toilets and shattered lightbulbs used for yard lights.

The deputy said the pranksters apparently tossed a board thru one window and ears of corn through another

At the Center school in Franklin township, vandals upset outside toilets and broke a window in the school. Sheriff Carpenter said vandals earlier had broke seven other windows at the school.

He warned that the vandals, if apprehended will face charges.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
November 10, 1954

## HALLOWEEN PRANK PROVED EXPENSIVE

Cause Damage at Franklin Twp. School Trial of five young men who staged an old Halloween prank that is gradually becoming a rarity because of modern plumbing was continued for two weeks while they scrape up $50 to pay for damages

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 16, 1954

## MORE STUDENTS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

### Increase of 57 Are reported

DeKalb County Superintendent of Schools Roger Hess and the county attendance officer, Virgil Hagerty, both of Auburn reported Friday an increase of 57 in enrollments in schools under jurisdiction of the superintendent's office.

Comparative figures for Franklin township for the enrollment listing the first enrollment for 1953-54 followed by this year's enrollment

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Franklin Center | 27 | 37 |
| Taylor's Corners | 34 | 37 |
| Jerusalem | 46 | 47 |

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
January 20, 1955

Trustees Report for the year 1954 by Howard Kandel Trustee of Franklin township.

Teachers paid:

Raymond Rensch, Dona Shultz, Edgar Willennar and Gail Brand (paid small amount, may have been a substitute teacher)

Care of grounds:

Carol Haskins, Agnes Fee, Clyde Passel, Marguerite Kepler, E. E.Spake, Florin Knox, Marion Dirrim

Transportation of children:

Howard Newcomer and Elmer Gaff

Comp of Summer Ed.

Dora Lautzenhiser

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
January 20, 1955

53 Students to Graduate In Country

DeKalb county Superintendent of Schools, Roger Hess of Auburn, announced Monday the list of candidates for eighth grade diplomas in the county's grade schools.

The 53 students eligible for graduation this spring are from the township grade schools in the county which have no high schools.

The 53 students include 27 girls and 26 boys. Franklin Center is scheduled to graduate the biggest group. They include 11 girls and 4 boys. The 15 students are Roger Clark, Marilyn Durst, Carolyn Getts, Jerry Hamman, Elaine Harrold, Paul Houlton, Lila Kandel, Doris Lee, Janet Magginis, Gloria Miser, Esther Moore, Emojean Presley, Virgie Sheets, Mark Trubey and Diana Weicht

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Record 1955Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
March 10,

A spelling contest was held at the Taylor's Corners school in Franklin township on February 25 with Carolyn Sue Getts the winner. Iris Trubey was second with Patricia Getts, third. Carolyn Sue is 14 years old and in the eighth grade at Franklin Center school.

Those participating in the contest were: Ann and Lynn Alexander, Marilyn Durst, Carolyn Getts, Patricia Getts, Larry Gurtner, Doris Lee, Janet Maginnis, Esther Moore, Betty Shultz, Paul Strater, Shirley Swary, Iris Trubey, Diana Weicht and Linda White, Diana Weicht will represent the eighth grade of Franklin Center with Doris Lee the alternate representative,. Patricia Getts will represent the seventh grade and Betty Shultz the alterntive representative. Linda White will representative sixth grade with Paul Strater the alternative representative

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
March 24, 1955

## PLANNING NEW SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

### Ask Franklin and Troy Twps to Join

Franklin and Troy townships in DeKalb county, have been invited to join several townships in Steuben county, in forming a proposed consolidated school, which according to present plans, will be located somewhere north of Hamilton, Steuben county townships which are exploring the consolidated school possibilities, include York, Scott, Richland and Otsego (Hamilton).

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Hamilton News, Hamilton ,Indiana
April 8, 1955

The school consolidation meeting in Hamilton last Friday night was well attended. Ross Wilkerson explained the situation to the group after which it was decided that each township have its own meeting before another general discussion would be held.

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
April 14, 1955

### Franklin Twp. Schools Plan Closing Program

A potluck supper and last day of school program for the schools of Franklin township, will be held at the Hamilton gymnasium on Tuesday evening, April 19, starting at 6:30 p.m.

DeKalb County Superintendent of Schools Roger E. Hess, will present the diplomas to the 15 graduates. The patrons and those interested in the Franklin township schools are cordial invited to attend.

Hamilton News, Hamilton ,Indiana
April 22, 1955

A meeting will be held at Gleaner Hall on Friday, April 22. at 8:00 p.m. to discuss proposed school consolidation of Scott, Otsego, York and Richland townships of Steuben County and Franklin and Troy Townships of DeKalb County.

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 18, 1955

## RURAL SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE ANNOUNCED

### Two less Schools in DeKalb County Next Winter

DeKalb county Superintendent Roger Hess of Auburn announced that he has completed filling vacancies on teacher's positions in schools under his jurisdiction.

He said children will report for enrollment for the start of the 1955-1956 school year at 2 p.m. Sept 1. The superintendent also announced that the same fee for the book rental will be in effect this year in the county schools. The fee is $6 a student for both the grade and high school.

Franklin township teachers are:

At Franklin center, Edgar Willennar of Hamilton, grades 7 and 8

At Jerusalem,, Dona Shultz of Butler, grades 1, 2, 3

At Taylor's Corners, Raymond Rensch, Butler grades 4, 5, and 6

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
January 19, 1956

**Trustee's Report for the year 1955 by Howard Kandel, Trustee for Franklin township.** ,

1955Teachers paid:
Raymond Rensch
Dona Shultz
Edgar Willennar
Gail Brand
Substitute Teachers
Marguerite Sharp
Gertrude Anthony
Gertrude Kepler
Care of Grounds
Herman Walberry
C.A. Beard
Delbert Creager
Mrs. Leon Haskins
Agnes Fee
Marguerite Kepler
Elwood Kepler
George Kandel
Marion H. Dirrim
Charles Metcalf

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
January 19, 1956

SPELLING BEE

The contest was held before capacity crowds in the assembly room of the county court house. Sponsored by a Fort Wayne newspaper. The various grade winners for Franklin was as follow" Fourth grade, Lowell King, Taylor's Corners third place Seventh grade, Linda White, Franklin Center- first place

The two day even was directed by supervision of County School Superintendent Roger A. Hess with cooperation of teachers in the various schools in the county. All schools in the county except the Butler Metropolitan schools at Moore and Butler, St. Joseph's Catholic at Garrett and the Zion Lutheran in Fairfield township entered this year. Blue, red and white ribbons were awarded to winners in the county contest. The event was the fourth annual.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 9, 1956

## FREEZING RAIN HITS COMMUNITY;

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

**Butler, Auburn and Garrett Schools open**

Highway travel was returned to normal, Tuesday afternoon, after one of the worst ice storms of the winter struck DeKalb County early Monday morning disrupting traffic to such an extent that most of the schools of the county were closed. The freezing rain left highways throughout the county treacherous and with the exception of schools in Auburn, Garrett and Butler. DeKalb county school children enjoyed a holiday from study. All of the schools under the jurisdiction of County Superintendent, Roger Hess, including high schools at Riverdale and Ashley were closed. The Waterloo-Grant township school also was closed At Butler Metropolitan schools four of six county busses made their rounds and attendance was nearly 80 percent of normal. A decision to close the school at Moore was rescinded when the bus driver who had left Monday morning before the order to stay home was received, arrived with his load of students Attendance was nearly 50 per cent of normal at the Garrett-Butler & Keyser township schools. E. V. Minnear, superintendent, said the rural schools at West Keyser, North Keyser, Altona, St Johns, Butler Center and Houge were closed, No rural busses made the rounds, In Auburn, it was school as usual, but the Jackson township students who are taken to Auburn in two school buses, stayed home when the bus drivers found roads too hazardous for travel The three Union township busses taking students to Auburn made their rounds but were delayed. Despite the treacherous roads, rural mail carriers made their routes as usual. However, they were very late returning to the post office. Likewise the city carriers were delayed as they walked their routes on the slippery sidewalks and streets. The ice which formed early Monday and left all highways extremely slippery broke up on main roads later Monday. Traffic and constant sanding and applications of calcium chloride made the roads passable.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1956

## 400 RURAL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE DISMISSED FRIDAY

**Remaining 1175 Must Go Another Five Weeks**

Over 400 students who are attending the rural schools of DeKalb county are anxiously awaiting Friday, when they will be dismissed for their annual summer vacation.

The students attend schools which operate on an 8-month schedule under the supervision of County Superintendent of schools Roger Hess. While vacation comes early to some, the remaining estimated 1,175 students who attend schools in the county school system, await later dates to start the summer vacation And in the city and consolidated schools not under Mr. Hess' jurisdiction, which include Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo and Butler Metropolitan, a full 9 months schedule is in effect.

Closing dates will be on May 18 or the following Friday, May 25, The schools closing this Friday are:

| Franklin township | |
|---|---|
| Taylors Corners | 34 students |
| Franklin Center | 38 students |
| Jerusalem | 47 students |

Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 30, 1956

## Vacancies Filled in Rural Schools
### Announce Complete Teacher Lists

County Superintendent of Schools Roger Hess of Auburn has announced that he has filled all teaching positions in the rural school, under his jurisdiction for the coming year.

Enrollment of students is Friday, August 31 with classes opening Tuesday, September 4.

Following is the list of DeKalb County rural school teachers;

Franklin township - At Center school, Edgar Willennar, Hamilton; Jerusalem, Helen Nelson of near Garrett and at Taylor's Corners, Raymond Rensch, Butler.

Richland township - Corunna, Gladys Rowley, Orland and Auburn and Emily Thompson of near Kendallville; East Richland, Ray Weilbaker of near Ashley and Pearl Keesler of near Auburn and West Richland, Laurel Carper, Auburn and Rosa Poer, Kendallville.

Riverdale School Corp; Grade school instructors will be Forrest Bevington, near St. Joe; Violet Baker, Hicksville; Iva Potter, Auburn; Mabel Miller, Garrett; Katherine Haller, near Butler; Norma Harlan, Auburn; Gladys Impson, near St. Joe; Margaret Bacon, near Ashley; Frieda Guilford, st. Joe; Mary Platter, near Butler and Carol Pugsley, home economics instructor of St. Joe.

Stafford township - At Stafford Lyons, Edgar Johnson, Decatur and Center school, Garnett Grube, Butler.

Troy township - At Tamarack, Clarence Dirrim, Hamilton and Lura Eddy, Hamilton.

The county music teacher will again be Mrs. Dorothy McLean of Auburn

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 30, 1956

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 3, 1957

### Franklin, Otsego Townships to Vote On School Merger

The voters of Franklin Township, DeKalb County and Otsego Township, Steuben County will go to the polls in a special election on Saturday, February 2, to determine whether or not the schools of the two townships shall be consolidated.

The trustees of the two townships have indicated that they will act in accordance with the results of the election. If the voters in each township approve the consolidation, the trustees will adopt a resolution forming the school corporation. However should the voters of either or both townships reject the proposal, the consolidation will not materialize. The Otsego township school is more commonly known as Hamilton School.

The election was brought about when the voters of the two township presented their trustees with petitions each bearing the signatures of not less than 50 registered voters.

The subject of the school consolidation has long been a controversial subject in Franklin township. Those in the northern part of the township would like to consolidate with the Hamilton school while those living in the southern part of the township prefer to consolidate with the butler school.

The past summer educators from Purdue University made a survey of the schools of Steuben County and recommended a centralized school near Angola. However, the voters of the county turned down the Purdue plan in a referendum vote during the recent national election, leaving the subject wide open again.

In the meantime Trustee Howard Kandel has established an accumulative building fund for school purposes in Franklin Township, which now amounts to nearly $25,000. Likewise, Otsego Township has an accumulative school building fund of nearly $36,000. Lawrence Crowl is trustee of Otsego

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 10, 1957

### PLANS COMPLETED FOR SCHOOL MERGER ELECTION

The townships of Franklin and Otsego townships are showing considerable interest in the forth coming school consolidation election, which will be held on February 2.

**Following are some excerpts from the article. Article in detail can be seen in the Paper or by contacting the DeKalb Historical Society**

Several years ago the people of Franklin township were given an opportunity to become a part of the Metropolitan School District of Butler, and they turned the proposal down in an election. Likewise the residents of Otsego township recently down a proposal of establishing a consolidated school near Angola. It is reported that this latest move to consolidate Franklin and Otsego township schools was sponsored by a group of Hamilton businesses men who would like to see a large consolidated school in their village.

The plan would call for the name of the school to be Bellefontaine Community Schools.

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 31, 1957

### LATEST SCHOOL RESOLUTION OPENS DOOR TO TOWNSHIP MERGERS

The door was re-opened in Troy, Stafford and Franklin townships to join and become a part of the Metropolitan School District of Butler at a special meeting of the Board of Education Monday evening.

Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 7, 1957

## Townships Vote To Consolidate Their Schools

### Consolidation Favored by Two to One Vote

In the special election last Saturday, the voters of Otsego and Franklin township, DeKalb county indicated in no uncertain terms that they desired to have the schools of the two township consolidated. The vote was nearly two to one in favor of the consolidation.

There was only one of the four precincts which did not favor the consolidation. It was Otsego North.

The official vote as announced Monday by Township Trustee Howard Kandel of Franklin township and Lawrence Crowl of Otsego township, was as follows:

Otsego North, yes 59, no 84
Otsego South (Hamilton), yes 312, no 71
Franklin East, yes 96, no 84
Franklin West, yes 152, no 60

The total vote in the two townships was, yes 619 and no 329.

In 1950 the residents of Franklin township voted not to consolidate their school with Butler. The vote at that time was 123 yes and 299 no.

There are now 34 Franklin township transfer student attending Butler high in the graduating class. Where the 25 will go to school next year is one of the many problems to be worked out. Perhaps the biggest problem to be worked out by the new school corporation is the erection of a modern school plant, including a gymnasium within two years, without raising the tax rate. That was one of the campaign promises. Another campaign plant be erected in Franklin township. It will be interesting how these campaign promises are kept.

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 9, 1957

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In 1950 the residents of Franklin township voted not to consolidate their school with Butler. The vote at that time was 123 yes, and 299 no.

There are now 34 Franklin township transfer students attending Butler High School, nine of whom are in the graduating class. Where the 25 will go to school next year is one of the many problems to be worked out. Perhaps the biggest problem to be worked out by the new

Con't

Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 9, 1957

Con't
school corporation is the erection of a modern school plant, including a gymnasium within two years, without raising the tax rate. That was one of the campaign promises. Another campaign promises was that the new school plant be erected in Franklin township. It will be interesting how these campaign promises are kept.

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 25, 1957

## COUNTY 8TH GRADE GRADUATES NAMED

County Superintendent of Schools Roger A Hess of Auburn announced Monday that 59 DeKalb county students are candidates for eighth grade diplomas to be awarded by the rural township schools.

The eighth student dismissed Thursday include six from Franklin Center,

Franklin Center - Ann Alexander, Carole Geller, Marvin McConnell, Marilyn Rohrbaugh, Dee Anna Shull and Linda White.

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Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 25, 1957

## Rural Schools Are Dismissed

Seven schools in three townships in DeKalb County closed their doors last Thursday for the start of the annual summer vacation.

County Superintendent of Schools, Roger A. Hess of Auburn, said some 355 youngsters attended the eight month term schools. The schools included Franklin Center, Taylor's Corners and Jerusalem in Franklin township; Tamarack in Troy and East Richland, West Richland and Corunna in Richland township.

While vacation comes early to some the remaining estimated 1,250 students await later dates to start summer vacation.

Only three schools in the county have 8 ½ month of school. They are Fairfield Center in Fairfield township and Stafford Lyons and Center in Stafford township. The estimated 200 students in these schools will recess for the summer vacation on May 8.

The 430 students from Ashley and 630 at Riverdale will recess on May 17.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 15, 1957

School Vacation Fast Coming to End; Reopen Sept. 3rd

Rural Students to Register, Friday, Aug. 30

The summer vacation for students attending school supervised by the De Kalb county superintendent of school, Roger A. Hess, is rapidly drawing to a close.

The county superintendent said that the charge per pupil on book rental this year will be $7. The cost is payable at the start of school. He reported that the 8-month schools in Richland and Troy township will be in session 157 days. The school include East Richland, West Richland, Corunna and Troy Tamarack.

The 8 ½-Ashley school at Ashley and the Riverdale schools at Spencerville and St. Joe will be in session for 177 days.

All Franklin township children who were enrolled in the local school (Butler) last year, will be picked up again this year but no new students will be accepted.

Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 22, 1957

All Franklin township children who were enrolled in the local school last year, will be picked up again this year but no new students will be accepted.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
August 23, 1957

**NOTICE TO BELLEFONTAIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL PATRONS**

Bellefontain Community Schools will open Aug. 30. Students will be picked up so that they will be at their respective schools at 1:00 p.m. for registration. All schools in the corporation will be under the DeKalb County Book Rental System. The only change will be in the rate. Since some new adoptions were made the rental fee will be $7.00 per year. This fee may be brought in on the day of registration.

There will be some minor changes in the three schools in Franklin Township. The Jerusalem building will be for grades 1 and 2; Taylors Corners for grades 3 and 4; and Franklin Center for grades 5 and 6. The 7th and 8th grades will be brought in to the Hamilton building. Any students above the 8th grade who have formerly gone to another school may transfer to that school if they wish.

Regular classes will start at 8:25 a.m. September 3rd.

The Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 19, 1957

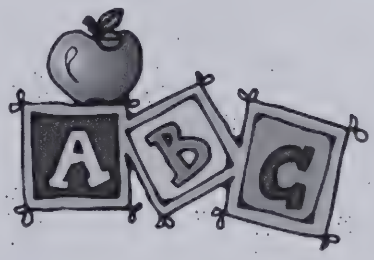
Over 1000 Students Now Enrolled in County Schools

Superintendent of Schools, Roger A. Hess, and the county attendance office, Virgil W. Hagerty, have announced that 1,421 pupils have enrolled in the county schools.

That is 130 less that the 1,551 who were enrolled at the start of the 1956-1957 term but the enrollment this years does not include students who attend last years in Franklin and Stafford township. Last year 106 student were enrolled in the three Franklin township schools and 41 in the two schools in Stafford township.

This year, Franklin township schools are consolidated with Otsego township, Steuben county, in the Bellfountain Community schools system. And Stafford township schools this year entered the Butler Metropolitan school district.

In comparison with the same schools last year, the schools in the county system this year showed a gain of 17 students.



Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
January 24, 1958

Fifteen Years Ago)

Miss Kennedy of Garrett, who was teaching at Bonny Dell school, has resigned and Mrs. Scoville of Butler has taken her place

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
January 28, 1958

(Trustee's report for the close of school year 1956-1957 for Franklin township by Herald Kandel.

Teachers paid
- Raymond Rensch
- Edgar Willenner
- Helen Nelson
- Gail Brand
- Gertrude Anthony (paid for substituting)

Care of Grounds
- Clyde Peasell

Transportation of children
- Howard Newcomer
- Elmer Gaff

Miscellaneous
- Elmer Gaff, Inspector
- Arthur Lautzenhiser, Inspector
- Mary Bruce

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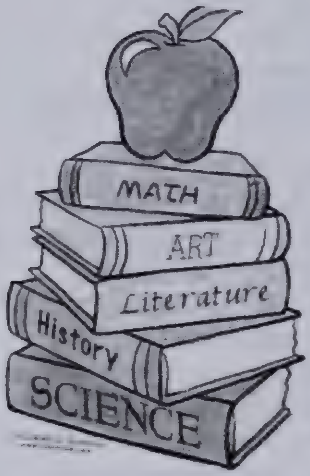
Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 4, 1958

## SCHOOL SPELLING CHAMPION

Out of the thirteen contestants for spelling champion of grades 5 through 8, Ellen Getts took the honor of spelling down all comers. Susan Yarlet of Franklin Center placed second. The spelling bee is under the auspices of the Journal-Gazette and Ellen will participated in the district contest to be held at Angola on Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. The word that earned Ellen the title was "Inspiration"



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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September, 1961

Thirty-Five Years Ago

list of teachers at the Franklin township school is as follows,

No. 1, Lois Sanxter,
No.2, Ruth Harper;
No 3, Anna Radabaugh,
No, 4, Bert Kepler;
No 5, Mary Carpenter,
No. 6, Edna Zigler;
No 7, Ruth Haverstock;
No.8, Gertrude Newcomer;
No. 9, Edgar Willennar.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
November 10, 1961

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

### Tract One

One acre of land more or less in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 14 East, DeKalb County, Indiana and described as follows, to wit; commencing at a point one and one-half rods west from the north east corner of said Section and running thence West along the center of the public road between Sections 18 and 19, 17 rods thenc South 10 rods, thence east to the center of the Waterloo and Hamilton Road, thence to the place of beginning, subject to highways thereon located, but including all buildings.

Book 134, Page 348. (Courthouse Deed) Hamilton Community Schools sold to G. Bruce Gurtner and Luella A Gurtner the above property dated on February 8, 1962. Recorded, April 14, 1962.

### Tract Two

A part of the Southeast one=quarter of Southeast one-quarter of Section 16, Township 35 North, range 14 East, DeKalb County, Indiana, and bounded by a line commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 16 and running thence north 14 rods and 9 feet, thence West 11 rods , thence South 14 rods and 9 feet to the south line of said Section 16, and thence East 11 rods to the place of beginning, subject to highways thereon located, but including all buildings..

Deed Book 134, Page 376, (Courthouse Records Hamilton Community Schools sold to Garman Hallett on February 8, 1962 the above tract of land in DeKalb County for $450. Deed transferred and recorded on February 9, 1962.

### Tract Three

A tract of land out of the northwest corner of the northwest one-quarter of Section32, township 35 north, range 14 East, DeKalb County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest one-quarter of Section 32 and running thence East 10 rods,, thence South 16 rods, thence West 10 rods, thrnce North 16 rods to the place of beginning containing one acre, subject to highways thereon located, but including all buildings.

Deed Book 134, Page 564 (Courthouse Deed Book) Hamilton Community Schools sold to Jerry L. Boman and Nancy S. Boman the above tract of land on June 4, 1962. Transferred an recorded July 10,1962.

School Deed Dated
April 11. 1966

Commencing at the northwest corner of the west one-half of the northwest quarter of Section Twenty-four Township Thirty-five North Range Fourteen East. (school house) They sold it to Billy Jean Knox and Gailanna Knox.

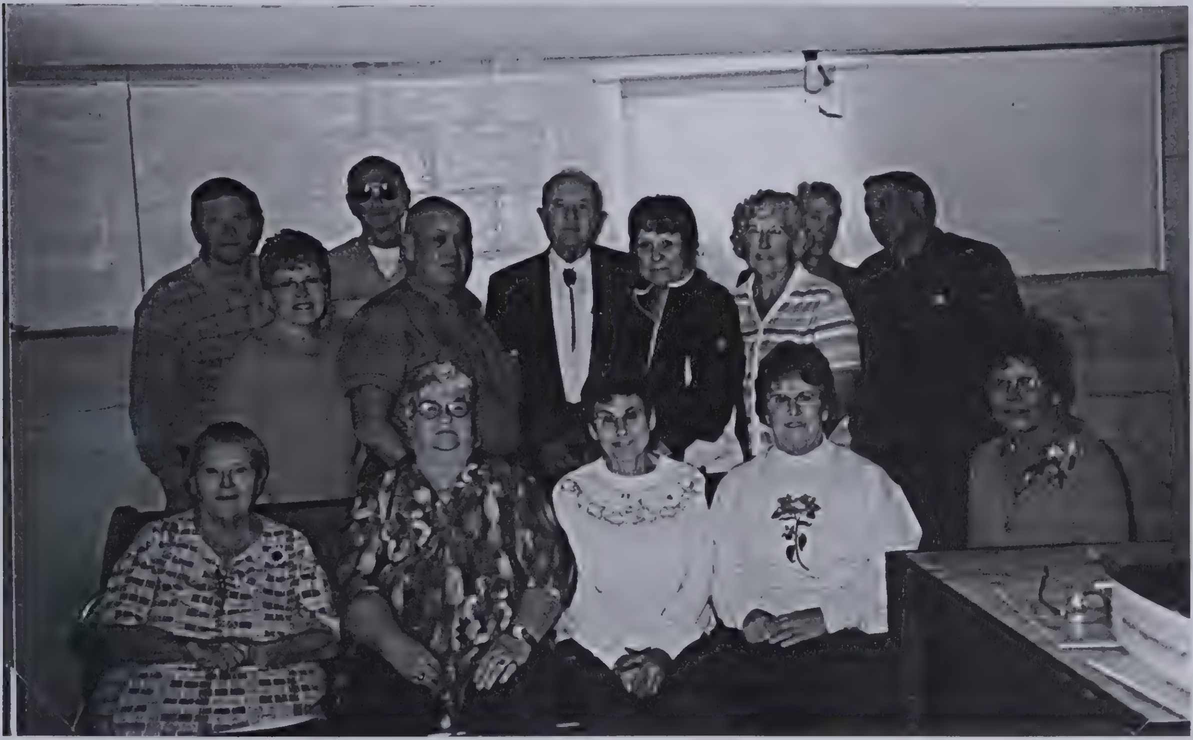
# Franklin Township One Room School Reunion 2005

Front row: Roberta (Baxter) Holman, Eloise (Beard) Platter, Annabelle (Bible) Bonecutter, Lois (Bonecutter) Bennett, Ida (Norick) Kitchen

Back row: Roger Holman, Maurice Bonecutter, Edwin M. Shull, DeAnna J. (Shull) Reed, Janet (Rollins) Baxter, Priscilla (Myers) Gnagy, Marcele (Shafer) Hankey, Jeanette (David) Salinas, Larry Gurtner

On Sunday, October 2, 2005 19 former students and guests enjoyed a carry-in potluck lunch at Jerusalem Church north of Butler. Students all had attended Jerusalem, Taylor's Corners, and/or Franklin Center one-room schools in Franklin Township, south of Hamilton. Pictures from the past were fondly enjoyed and memories of the past were discussed. All are looking forward to the 2006 reunion at the same location.

# Franklin Township One Room School Reunion 2006



Front row: Roberta (Baxter) Holman, Janet (Rollins) Baxter, Alice (Myers) Simper, Lynn (Alexander) Kaiser, Sonya (Alexander) Cameron

2nd row: Ann (Alexander) Vose, Cloyce Baxter, Maurice Bonecutter, Dora Shafer, Marcele (Shafer) Hankey, Bob Harrold

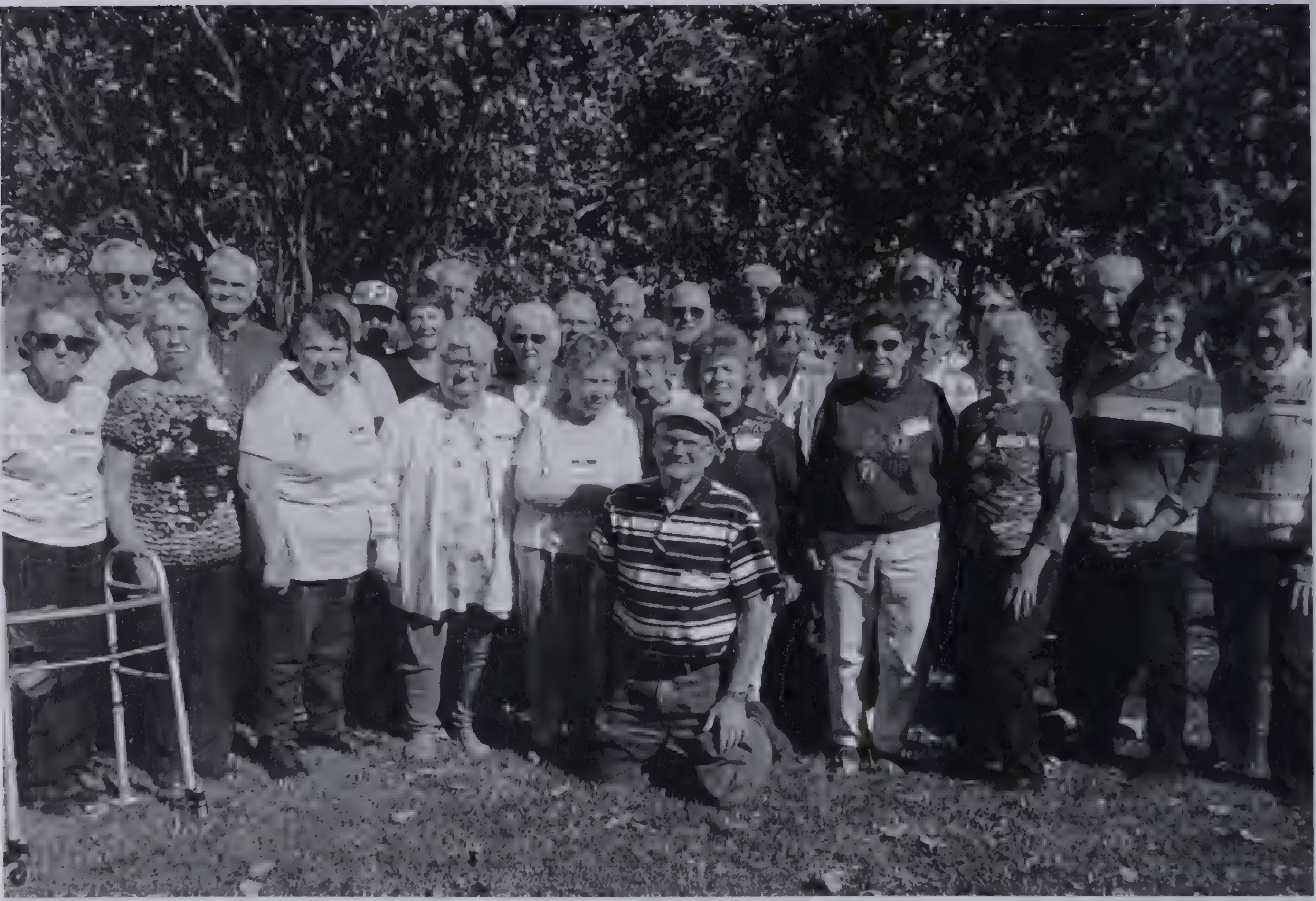
3rd row: Larry Gurtner, Roger Holman, Kay Ann (Shafer) Grose

Friends all 8 years of elementary country school

Cloyce Baxter and Lynn Alexander Kaiser

Kay Ann Shafer Grose and Larry Gurtner

# Franklin Township One Room School Reunion 2015



One room school reunion for 2015.

A one room school reunion was held at the home of Elizabeth Lautzenhiser Gilbert's residence on Sunday October 11, 2015. There were 29 school members with a few spouses in attendance. A potluck meal was enjoyed by all. After the meal, reminiscing of our former school days was enjoyed by all.
Front: Larry Gurtner
1st row: Priscilla (Myers) Gnagy, Mary Jane (Moughler) Stackhouse, Sandra (Moughler) Holmes, Janet (Rollins) Baxter, Martha (Moughler) Baird, Lynn (Alexander) Kaiser, Alice (Myers) Simper, Eleanor (Fee) Merritt, Elizabeth (Lautzenhiser) Gilbert, Kay (Shafer) Grose.

2nd row: Wayne Hamman, Bob Harrold, Janet (Magginis) Gall, Marcella (Shafer) Hankey, Mary Ann (Harold) Drees, Ruth Crowl, Kay (Everetts) Fee.

3rd row: Hal Musser, Lyle Holman, Carole (Goller) Forrester, John King, Roger Holman, Peggy (Everetts) Fry, Maurice Bonecutter.

4th row: Marvin McConnell, Dale Rigg, Shirley Dale Wagner.
Absent from picture but attending was John Lautzenhiser.

# Franklin Township One Room School Reunion
# 2016

1st row: Larry Gurtner, Elizabeth (Lautzenhiser) Gilbert, Martha (Moughler) Baird and Eleanor (Fee) Merritt

2nd row: Rose (Surface) Gurtner, Betty (Blanchard) Quesinberry, Dorothy Bonecutter, Dorie Shafer, Jr., Kay (Everetts) Fee, Priscilla (Myers) Gnagy, Alice (Myers) Simper, Janet (Rollins) Baxter, Mary Jane (Moughler) Stackhouse

3rd row: Eileen (Coulson) Willibey, Donald Gurtner, Marcele (Shafer) Hankey, Maurice Bonecutter, Delores (Amstutz) Howarth, Lyle Holman, Ruth Crowl, Peggy (Everetts) Fry, Steven Blair, Kay (Shafer) Grose

4th row: Marvin McConnell, Iris (Trubey) Thorp, Janet (Magginnis) Gall, Dale Rigg, LaVon Bender, Wayne Hamman, Roger Holman

The DeKalb County one-room schoolhouse reunion was held Oct. 9 at the home of Elizabeth Lautzenhiser Gilbert.

Former classmates and their spouses enjoyed a potluck dinner and fellowship of school day stories. Members in attendance ranged in age form 63 to 94. Most of one-room schoolhouses were consolidated with other corporations around 1958, eliminating any of the younger generation's attendance.

Most in attendance went to Hamilton, Butler or Waterloo for high school.

Attendees introduced themselves and shared memories of their school days.

# Franklin Township One Room School Reunion 2017

The DeKalb County One-Room Schoolhouse Reunion was held Oct. 8 at the residence of Elizabeth Lautzenhiser Gilbert in rural Metz. Guests and spouses enjoyed a potluck lunch and fellowship of past school remembrances. Most of the one-room schoolhouses were consolidated with bigger school corporations in the late 1950s. Most one-room school students who attended the reunion went to Hamilton, Butler, Waterloo or Ashley for their high school schooling. Those attending introduced themselves and spouses and told a story or two of elementary school days.

In front, from left, are Mary Ann Dreas Harrold, Gloria Miser Whetstone and Larry Gurtner.

In the second row are Bob Harrold, Elizabeth Lautzenhiser Gilbert, Ruth Crowl, Alice Myers Simper, Eleanor Fee Merritt, Janet Rollins Baxter, Dorris Smith, Martha Baird and Sandra Moughler Holmes.

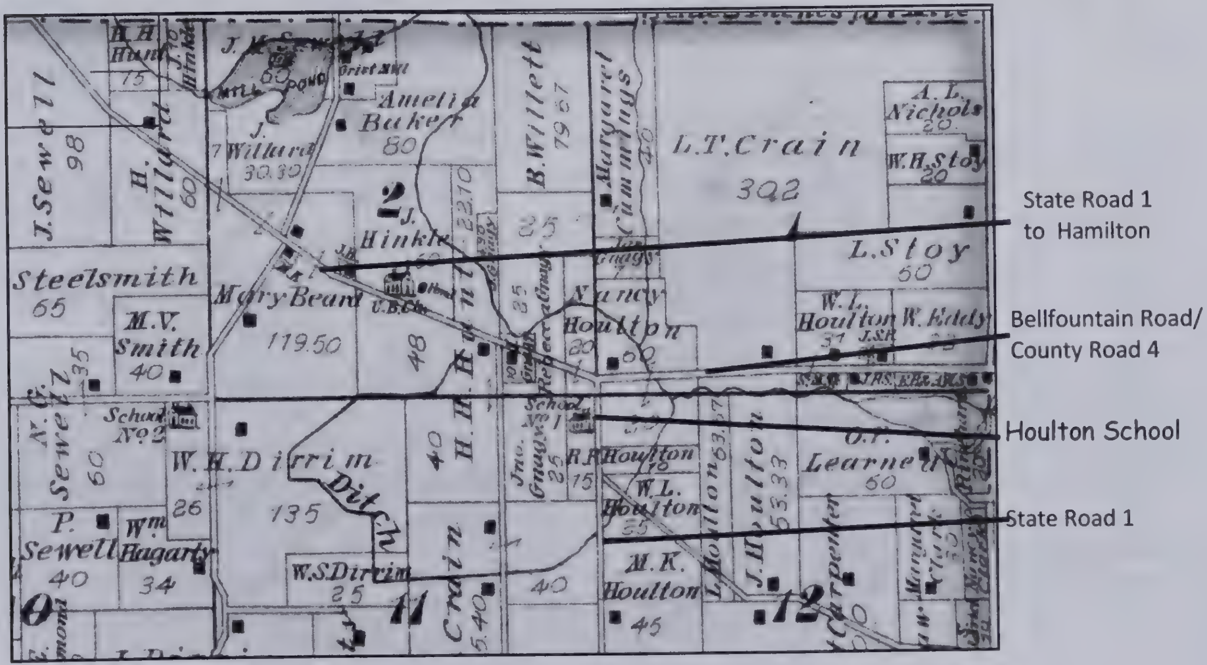
In the third row are Dorie Shafer, Dale Rigg, Kay Shafer Grose, Lavon Bender, Roger Holman, Shirley Dale Wagner and Bill Boyer.

In the fourth row are Lyle Holman, Marvin McConnell and Jerald Call.

# HOULTON SCHOOL

## Number 1 School
State Road 1 and County Road 4
Closed Fall of 1933

There were no pictures of the original Houlton school that we could locate.


State Road 1 to Hamilton
Bellfountain Road/ County Road 4
Houlton School
State Road 1
J. Sewell 98
H. Willard 60
J. Willard 30.30
Amelia Baker 80
B. Willett 79.67
Margaret Cummings 40
L.T. Crain 392
A. L. Nichols 20
W.H. Stoy 20
L. Stoy 60
Steelsmith 65
M.V. Smith 40
Mary Beard 119.50
J. Hinkle
Nancy Houlton 20
W. L. Houlton 37
W. Eddy
School No 2
School No 1
W. H. Dirrim 135
Dirrim Ditch
W.S. Dirrim 25
P. Sewell 40
Wm Hagarty 34
R.F. Houlton
W.L. Houlton 35
M.K. Houlton 45
O.F. Learned 60
Crain
2
11
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1880 map of northeast corner of Franklin Township showing the Houlton School.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 6, 1879

Troy News March 2, 1879

A discussion of the question of endless punishment came off at the Houlton school house, over in Franklin, last Saturday afternoon and evening, the Sheriff of Steuben county being one of the disputants. Have not heard the decision, but hope the matter was permanently settled, as that question has been disturbing the minds of the people for a long time. But, as that Steuben county Sheriff was out of his district, some legal doubts will have to be removed, to make the conclusion reached in any degree binding on the people of this county.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

No. 1: All new and in prime order. There is only lack - the lack of pupils. This is recognized as a permanent site. It is enclosed. There are fresh new maps on the walls - useful and ornamental. Two globes and excellent board and old house used for ______ and play. Helen Bohart, the teacher. Recitation seats occupied by smaller children. Reading conducted from seats. Children bidden be quiet but no work given them. Ways suit small, not large pupils. Sixth term is the place, proof of popular satisfaction.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

No. 1:

W. H Bell, Grade 2. This young man is martyred by the situation. At 9 a.m. 3 present of 23 enrolled, others straggle in at intervals. The school is farcical failure. House and fixtures good, the difficulty is mainly in him whom I have given authority to stand there. The people think this sort of school is better than none. I do not. Evidence of lack of interest is the absence of Bell from the Institute. He has no force, program, nor system. He is tame and skill less.

History of DeKalb County, Indiana
Bowen & Co, 1885
Page 261

In Franklin township the first school house was built on section twelve, the present site of section one, and was known in 1840 as the Houlton school house. The first teacher was Lucy Orton of Angola, Steuben County.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 4, 1898

Eddy's Corner

Owing to the sickness of the teacher the Houlton school closed several days last week.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 18, 1898

C. P. Hammond will teach school at No.1 this week for Edson Beard who is laid up with sciatica rheumatism.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 25, 1898

Tuesday night of last week two persons traveling through the country with an old grey horse and buggy stopped and put up for the night at the Houlton school house gaining entrance by breaking in a window. There being plenty of wood in the house which the teacher had brought for morning they made themselves at home and in the morning after feeding there horse with hay which they had helped themselves to at Lewis Houlton's barn went on their way rejoicing.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 28, 1895

The Houlton school will close for this term Wednesday of this week.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 27, 1898

The Houlton school closed last Wednesday after 8 months of hard study. When about noon the parents and others who were interested in school work gathered there with loaded baskets and all were enjoying a great dinner and after a good social visit and the school had had their pictures taken the little folks entertained the crowd with recitations and the teacher gave some interesting remarks which was all well worth mentioning. On Saturday evening they had an exhibition which consisted of recitations, dialogues and singing which bespeaks credit to themselves and their teacher. The Houlton orchestra furnished the music.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 3, 1898

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I will receive sealed bids up to 4 o'clock p.m. June 10, 1898 for the building of a school house in district No.1 Franklin township, DeKalb county, Indiana, better known as Houlton corners, six miles north of Butler and 2 1/2 miles east of Hamilton. Plans and specifications will be found at my residence after June 1st. I also reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

J. W. Brown, School Trustee

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 20, 1896

Mayme Huyck says she will not lose that school house key again as she had two yards of ribbon tied to it.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 16, 1897

Eddy's Corner
The spring term of school in district No. 1 closed Tuesday of this week. A short program was arranged by the teacher, Miss Minnie Huyck. A good time is reported.

Theodore Hunt, J., . of Hamilton, has purchased the forty acres of land near the Houlton school on which he will erect a house in the near future and will move his family. He will also move his mill onto the same grounds

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 24, 1897

Eddy's Corner

Theodore Hunt Jr., is moving his machinery from Hamilton to his new place south of No. 1 school. house.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 1, 1897

Eddy's Corner
School commenced last Monday Sept. 20 with Frank Lautzenheiser teacher at Learned's and Edson Beard teacher at Houlton's school

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 22, 1897

Eddy's Corners
Miss Mayme Huyck, teacher at Taylors Corners school, visited the Houlton school last Tuesday.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 5, 1897

Eddy's Corner
Miss Bertha Beard taught the Houlton school last Thursday and Friday during the absence of her brother , Edson, who was sick

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 31, 1897

Friday before Christmas the Houlton school closed for a weeks vacation with exercises appropriate for the occasion consisting of singing, recitation, dialogues, and music on violin by Edson Beard and M. E. Houlton.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 18, 1898

Frank Stump has secured the contract to build the new school in District No. 1, Franklin township.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 21, 1898

### Spending the People's Money

John Brown, republican trustee of Franklin township and a prospective candidate for commissioner, asked for bids on the construction of a school house last week, and after opening the bids, Vernier & Co., were the lowest, the next lowest was a man from Hamilton, while Frank Stump of this city was $60.00 higher than the bid of Vernier & Co. Mr. Stump secured the job notwithstanding that fact, and the Herald wishes to congratulate Mr. Stump upon his pull. He is a financier of considerable magnitude and his landing the contract when his price was $60 higher than another bider offered to do the same work for, is a feat that he should be proud of. But how about the taxpayer over in Franklin township? How does he like to see over $60 of good money spent in such a manner? Trustee Brown has taken a most peculiar stand Its his duty to save the people's money instead of scattering it to the four winds of heaven as he has done in this case. The affair is condemned by every man with whom we have talked, as a most remarkable occurrence. Any prospect that Mr. Brown ever had for commissioner is certainly gone. If Franklin township wants that kind of official acts its their business but DeKalb County prefers to be excused.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 24 1898

### Trustee Brown Was Attacked.

Last week the Butler Herald attacked John Brown, trustee of Franklin township, for letting the contract to build a school house to Frank Stump when Vernier & Co.'s bid was $60 less, and asks how the taxpayers of the township "like to see of over $60 of good money spent in such a manner."

When trustee Brown advertised he reserved the right to reject any or all bids. It was his duty as trustee to exercise judgement in the matter, which he did and his action in the matter is commended by every honest man who understands the circumstances. If any of the taxpayers of Franklin Tp. want to know on what grounds Mr. Brown is justified in letting the contract as he did, they can find out by calling Mr. Brown himself.

As to the taxpayers of Franklin township, they have many reasons to be thankful for the financial condition of their township. Their tax levy is lower now than for many years past and is lower than any other township in the county. The township is out of debt and has an abundance of funds on hand.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 24, 1898

The Franklin township taxpayers are out $60. on the school house

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
July 1, 1898

There is a lengthy reply by Trustee to the reason why Stump received the bid.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
July 8, 1898

Frank Stump, who has taken the contract to build the new school house at Houlton's corners, has the old one torn down.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 5, 1898

Work is progressing as fast as possible on the Houlton school house.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 2, 1898

Eddy's Corners

The seats for the Houlton school house arrived last week and were put in Friday.

Fun with
Dick and Jane

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 30, 1898

Eddy's Corners

Charley Dirrim who has been attending school at Angola is spending his vacation at home.

The Schools have a weeks vacation during holidays.

The Houlton school entertained quite a number of guests Friday afternoon with recitations, dialogues, and music which all appreciated. Then the teacher rewarded them with a liberal treat which they enjoyed in return. The Learned school celebrated in like manner. The scholars presented their teacher with a toilet set.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 1

October 7, 1898
Frank P. Stump,
building school house and material
furnished 880.00

Frank P. Stump,
moving material to opposite side of
lot, changed by trustee. 20.00

Lewis Houlton,
grading around school house, housing
seats, taking care of school
furniture 5.25

October 24, 1898 for Dis. 1
J. W. Brown,
money to A. Levy & Co, for towels 50

Frank Platt,
helping move seats and other work
school house 1.00

J. A. Campbell,
insurance on school 8.50

October 26, 1898
A. J. Mason & Son,
molding around black board, lumber
for hat hooks 75

November 2, 1898
M. K. Houlton,
labor on school lot, going to Butler for
black board and other work 21.87

November 18, 1898
Samuel Brown,
drawing school desks to No. 1 1.25

December 24, 1898
J. C. Jennings,
taking door to No.7 school house.
hanging same and fastening down
seats at No. 1 school house. 2.88

January 17, 1898
Lewis Houlton,
digging ditch and putting in tile to
well school house 3.45

February 10, 1899
Lewis Days,
20 cords wood school house 16.90

February 28, 1899
U. S. School furniture Co.
freight prepaid on school desks,
castings school house 2.66

*Please note there is an entry to December 27, 1898 (No school mentioned but presume it is No. 1)*
U. S. School furniture Co.,
school desk, black board, and freight
on same 68.07

April 10, 1899
L. C. Shultz,
repairing stove school house .25

January 4, 1899
Mae Waterman
teaching 100.00

April 7, 1899
Mae Waterman
teacher 24.00

April 28, 1899
Mae Waterman,
attending Tp Institute 11.20

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 22, 1899

Eddy's Corners

The fall term of school commenced Monday with Miss Olivia Eddy teaching at Learned and Ora Lautzenheiser teacher at Houlton school.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
December 8, 1899

Eddy's Corners

School was dismissed at district No. 1 on Thursday and Friday to observe Thanksgiving.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.
J. W. Brown, Township Trustee,
Date Sept. 4, 1900.

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| Jan. 13, Lewis Houlton., cleaning school house and mowing yard etc. No. 1 | 3.25 |
| Jan. 13 Lewis Houlton broom, pail, comb | .45 |
| Apr. 28, Lewis Houlton window glass, labor | .25 |
| Apr. 30, J. H. Aldrich 15 cds wood school | 17.75 |
| Aug. 11, Lewis Houlton, mowing yard, cutting trees into wood | 4.25 |
| 1899 | |
| Apr. 20. Ora Lautzenheiser, attending institute | 10.50 |
| Dec. 29, Ora Lautzenheiser, teaching at No. 1 | 50.00 |
| 1900 | |
| Feb 13, Ora Lautzenheiser, Teaching at No, 1 | 50.00 |
| Apr. 20, Ora Lauzenheiser, teaching at No, 1 | 110.00 |

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1900

Miss Chrissie Dirrim, teacher at Houlton school, dismissed school for one week on account of Christmas .

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1901

On last Wednesday evening a party of young peopled gathered at the home of Lewis Houlton and family. The evening was spent in playing games of various kinds which all seemed to enjoy. Among those present were Miss McCurdy, teacher at Dutch Gap school with a load of her pupils, Miss Olivia Eddy, teacher at Learned's school, with some of her scholars, some of the pupils of Houlton school making in all about 40 present.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 13, 1901

Henry Johnson and wife, an old school boy and neighbor, were at the Houlton reunion He was a soldier in the 100th Ind, Infantry.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 27, 1901

Eddy's Corners

School commenced at the Houlton school house on Sept. 17, with John Lautzenheiser as teacher and Miss Oliva Eddy at the Learned school.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
March 21, 1902

They contemplate having an old-fashioned spelling school such as they used to have when we were boys; in Dist. No. 1 on next Thursday night. That being the closing day of their term of school.

Auburn Dispatch, Auburn, Indiana
September 18, 1902

The Houlton school commenced Monday with J. A. Lautzenhiser as teacher. The Learned school will not commence until later, owing to the new schoolhouse not yet completed.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 23, 1903

Eddy's Corners

The Houlton school contemplates having a debate at their school house soon.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
April 14, 1904

### FRANKLIN SCHOOL NO. 1

Mr. Perry Hamman, closed very successful term of school at District No. 1, in Franklin township, last Thursday afternoon. In order to make the day more pleasant a very suitable program was arranged for the closing exercises. There were quite a number of patrons of the school present and all were pleased with the work of the teacher and pupils.

The teacher presented each pupil with a handsome school souvenir, containing the names of all the pupils and a picture of the teacher. Miss Florence Nichols received a prize for second year spelling and Miss Malinda Houlton the prize for perfect. attendance and punctuality. After the teacher wished each one a pleasant vacation and that they would return to their studies next year with much vigor, the school closed. The day will be remembered by all.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township, DeKalb County, Indiana
Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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| Jan. 21, 1903<br>Geo. Hammond,<br>14 cds wd. SS | 19.60 |
| Feb, 12,<br>J. A. Lautzenhiser,<br>teaching TU | 65.00 |
| Apr. 10<br>J. A. Lautzenhiser,<br>teaching TU | 247.50 |
| J. A. Lautzenhiser<br>Co. & Twp Institute | 28.00 |
| Aug. 31.<br>Rhoda Houlton<br>Work No. 1 SS | 3.00 |
| Nov. 21<br>H. C. Mann,<br>hauling and setting up 2 stoves at<br>1 & 8 | 1.50 |
| Nov. 21<br>Perry Hamman,<br>teaching TU | 80.00 |
| Dec. 21<br>Perry Hamman<br>teaching | 25.00 |
| Trustee's Service Account<br>Jan. 10 looking after wood<br>for No 1 | 2.00 |
| Feb. 14 looking after stove | 2.00 |

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

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| April 11, 1905,<br>Ina C, Gurtner, | $322.00 |
| Nov.18,<br>Ina C Gurtner | 40.00 |
| Jan. 1, 1906<br>Ina C. Gurtner | 30.00 |
| Apr 11, 1905<br>Ina C. Gurtner<br>Attending institute | 16.10 |
| Sept. 2,<br>Alonzo Matson<br>cleaning chimneys, pipes and stoves of No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 | 10.00 |
| Sept. 18<br>J. H. Aldrich,<br>cleaning school house #1 | 3.50 |
| Dec. 19,<br>H. K. Leas,<br>insurance, assessment on school No 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 | 6.66 |

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 14, 1907

There are several more cases of scarlet fever in Jackson township and two school have been temporarily closed. The Houlton school in Franklin township has again opened. the disease having subsided.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 2, 1909

Miss Rhea Holtzberg accompanied Miss Mable Murch out to her school in the country, Wednesday spending the day with her. Miss Murch teaches the Houlton school north of Butler.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 9, 1909

SCHOOL CLOSES AT FRANKLIN 1

Friday April 2, being the end of the school year at Holton school, Franklin No. 1 Miss Mable Murch, their very efficient teacher arranged a treat for her scholars.

For weeks the children have been planning and getting ready for the excellent program which they rendered to a very appreciative audience in the afternoon

Before school was taken up in the morning the parents, and friends of the children to the number of nearly one hundred arrived with well filled baskets and stayed all day.

Miss Murch has had a very successful year and is a great favorite with her pupils and the patrons of the school. Grace Murch, Mrs. D. Murch and Florence Mutzfeld of Butler spent the day at the school.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 5, 1912

Hamilton

Oris Fee will give a box social in school house No. 1 Saturday evening. January 6. Proceeds to go for books for library. Ladies bring supper for two.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 10, 1933

Miss Marian Platt after a short illness has resumed her duties as teacher at the Houlton school and is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Edson Beard, this week.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 10, 1933

The Bear Creek school in Jackson township, the Kelly school in Smithfield township and the Houlton school in Franklin township will not be reopened this fall in accordance with a recommendation of the state board that schools with an attendance of less than 15 be abandoned. This will result in reducing the number of teachers by three and the total number will be 86 this year instead of 89. The pupils in the closed buildings will attend elsewhere in the respective townships

The teachers have all been employed by the township trustees. The annual institute of teachers will be held at the court house Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 30 and 31. Wm. Rainey Bennett of Elgin, Ill., preachers and lecturer, will be on the program the first afternoon and Miss Martha VanMeter of the state anti-tuberculosis society will lecture the first afternoon. Dr. F. C. Tilden, head of the Department of Comparative Literature at DePauw university, will lecture Thursday morning and again in the afternoon. Dr. Wm. R. Davis of the Michigan State Department of Health also is on the program for Thursday afternoon

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 27, 1949

## MEMORIAL IS PLANNED FOR EARLY SETTLER

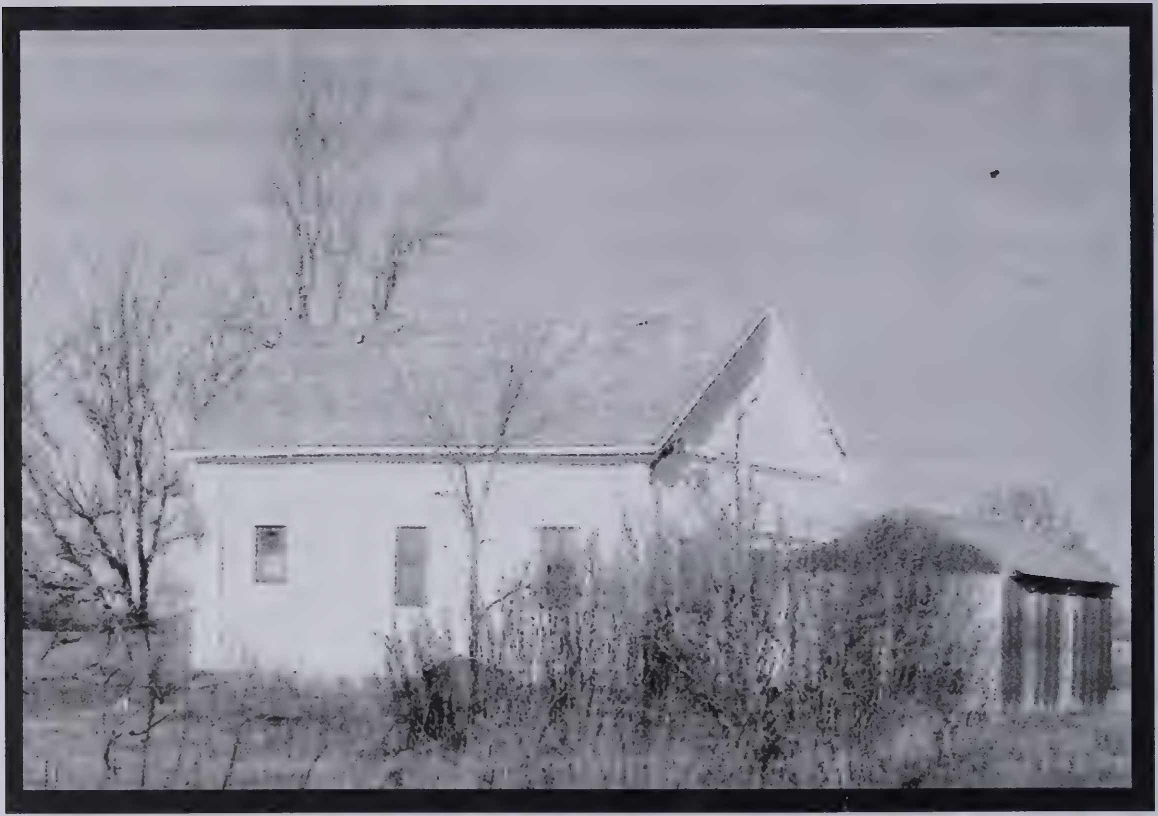
(Excerpt from the article on John Houlton memorial)

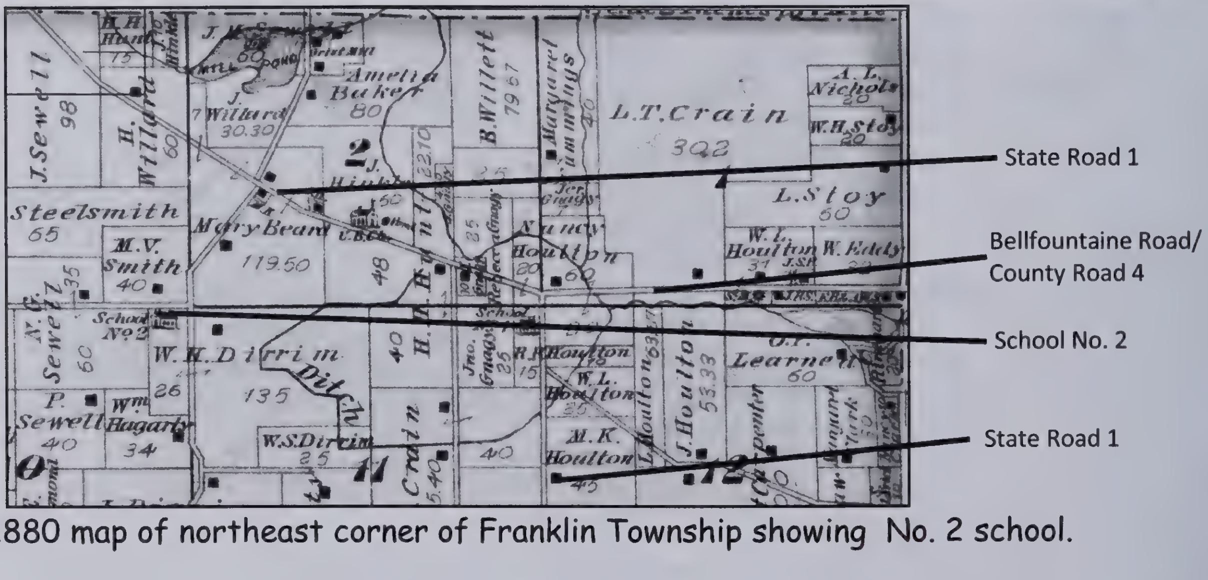
The proposed site is a small section of land on State Road 1 five miles north of Butler. It was that location that the first settler known to enter DeKalb county made his home, He was John Houlton. With his wife he settled there in September of 1833.

A school house is now on the site where Mr. Houlton built his first cabin. The property is still owned by heirs of the Houlton family. They have indicated their willingness to deed the small tract of land to the county if the county will maintain it as a memorial. Tentative plans call for remodeling the school house and the erection of a plaque containing the historical data of the Houlton Family.

# NUMBER 2 SCHOOL

Number 2 school
County Road 4 1/2mile West of County Road 61
No common name known




State Road 1
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County Road 4
School No. 2
State Road 1
L.T.Crain
Amelia Baker
B.Willett
Steelsmith
Mary Beam
M.V. Smith
W.H.Dirrim
School No.2
L.Stoy
A.L. Nichols
W.H.Stoy
P. Sewell
Wm Hagarty
W.S.Dirrim
M.K. Houlton
J.Houlton
W.L. Houlton
W. Eddy
O.T. Learned
Ditch

1880 map of northeast corner of Franklin Township showing No. 2 school.

## Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

No. 2: Christie Blaker, teacher. Visit in company of Mister Oberlin. Opened with song, exercise commence with reading. Fifth Reader, excellent instruction given. Small portion should be repeatedly read. Classes seated by themselves. Seats new and face. Writing encouraged and high grades given. Quey—what object what effect: Enrolled 49, present 26. Teacher must stop to conquer. Personally has much to do with popularity. Retry? Devices often accomplish more that healthy demands.

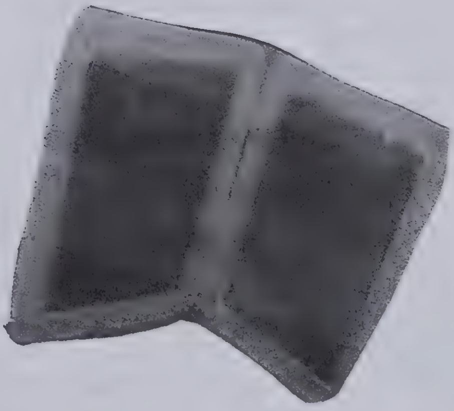
## Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

**No. 2:**
Jan. 6, Emma Yarlott. Grade 9. What a contrast this to the other school. A full school fully employed, all interested and pleased. Ten pupils in 5th Reader are poor readers and good observers. They are commendable and are praised. There should be a time out of class to answer school questions. Posture standing good, but seat themselves heavily. 3d Reader teaches acquaintance of words. Lessons of reasonable length. A class in geography render a faultless lesson. Order good it is partly owing to whisper rule, five notices by teacher and name on board.

## Waterloo Press. Waterloo, Indiana
November 24, 1887

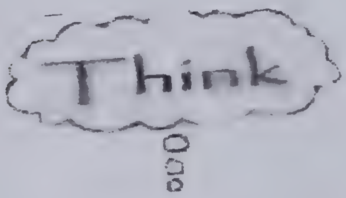
Report of School District No. 2, Franklin tp., DeKalb Co., for the month ending Nov. 4, 1887; Number enrolled, 27; average attendance, 24. Names of those not absent during the month; Minnie, Ora, Frank and Effie Lautzenheiser, Charlie Kepler, Charlie Ramsey, David Gurtner, John Hagerty, Amos, George and Sadie Dirrim, Calvin Wagoner, Floyd Greenwood, and Dessie Hammond. Those absent but one day: Dora Betz, Clara Hammond, and Irena Gurtner. Number enrolled during the term, 27; average attendance 21. Names of those not absent during the term; Ora and Frank Lautzenheiser, Charlie Kepler, Charlie Ramsey, John Hagerty, and Timothy Hammond. Those absent but one day: Clara Hammond, Effie Lautzenheiser, and Dessie Hammond.

ANNA D. RAMSEY, Teacher



Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 21, 1889

Frank Snyder has drawn a lot of wood on the school ground in district No. 2 to be used as fuel to warm up the house for the comfort of the school mark and her family, and also thereby increasing his finances.



Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 7, 1889

The winter term of school in District No. 2, closed on last Tuesday, and on Friday evening they had an exhibition which proved to be a grand success. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. The scholars acquitted themselves nobly with their recitations, dialogues, etc. This school was taught by Miss Alta Kepler.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 25, 1894

A traveling exhibiting scenery show showed at school house No. 2 Friday evening and at Hamilton on Saturday evening.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 22, 1894

North Franklin

Last Thursday night J. B. Scott of Smithfield township delivered a Populist speech in No. 2 school house. Mr. Scott seems to the quite earnest in the Populistic cause.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 14, 1894

North Franklin

Will Musser has delivered on the school ground of district No. 2 a lot of good stove wood with which the school marm will be enabled to keep the house warm and comfortable for her numerous family while the recompense for the wood and labor will swell the wallet and add to the finances of Mr. Musser.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1894

North Franklin

As a token of their appreciation the scholars in district No.2 at the close for holiday vacation presented their teacher, J. A. Lautzenheiser, with a very nice and useful present,

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 11, 1896

North Franklin

J. B. Scott is billed to deliver several phrenological lectures at No. 2 school house during this week.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1897

Those who attended the entertainment at No. 2 school house Friday and Saturday evening speak in great praise of it. The music and exercises were splendid and all was a grand success.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 29, 1897

We understand the scholars in d District No. 2 are preparing for an Exhibition in the near future. Success to their noble efforts.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 7, 1897

A number of enthusiasts met at No. 2 school grounds and erected hitching posts and posts and railing last Saturday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 9, 1898

Franklin Center

There will be a box social at No. 2 next Friday night for the purpose of raising money to purchase books for a reading circle. May success crown your efforts as we think a reading circle would be a grand think in the vicinity.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 16, 1898

North Franklin

The box social at No. 2 school house on last Friday evening was both a social and financial success. The proceeds is to be appropriated to purchasing reading circle books.

Edward Lautzenheiser is attending the Hamilton school.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 2

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|---|---|
| September 14, 1898 For No. 2<br>Clara Lemmon,<br>cleaning and using disinfectant school house No. 2 | 2.50 |
| November 2, 1898 For No.2<br>Chas. Oster per Mrs. C. Oster,<br>going to Butler for stove and supplies dist. No. 2 | 4.02 |
| December 7, 1898 For No 2<br>G. R. Farnum,<br>school supplies district 1 & 2 | 2.27 |
| February 7, 1899 For No.2<br>W. H. Musser,<br>15 cords wood school No.2 | 10.50 |
| April 4, 1899 For No. 2<br>T. H. Dirrim, by bank,<br>cupboard for school No. 2 | 3.20 |
| April 21, 1899<br>Rilla Newcomer,<br>attending tp institute | 11.20 |
| November 4,<br>teaching No. 2 | 50.00 |
| December 17, 1898<br>Rilla Newcomer<br>teaching No. 2 | 25.00 |
| February 4, 1898<br>Rilla Newcomer<br>teaching No. 2 | 25.00 |
| April 7, 1898<br>Rilla Newcomer<br>teaching No. 2 | 50.00 |
| April 21, 1898<br>Rilla Newcomer<br>teaching No. 2 | 74.00 |

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1900

A number of enthusiasts met at No. 2 school grounds and erected hitching posts and posts and railing last Saturday.

Ott Gengnagel and Mrs. Ed Gengnagel of Butler, visited Miss Mae Waterman's school at No. 2 last Tuesday. School closed at No. 8 Tuesday,

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana.
J. W. Brown, Township Trustee.
Dated Sept. 4, 1900

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| 1899 | |
| Sept. 11, Mrs. Chas. Oster, cleaning school house, mowing yard, etc. | 2.75 |
| 1900 | |
| Mar. 7 G. R. Farnum, glass, broom, nails, bell rope, etc. dis 2 and 3 | 4.50 |
| Mar. 23 Charles Oster, 17 1/? cds wood school house No. 2 | 17.50 |
| Mar. 23 Charles Oster, 1 comb school No. 2 | .10 |
| 1899 | |
| Oct. 21 Mae Waterman, teaching school No. 2 | 25.00 |
| Nov. 25 Mae Waterman, teaching school No. 2 | 20.00 |
| 1900 | |
| Apr. 20 Mae Waterman teaching school No. 2 | 186.00 |
| Apr, 20 Mae Waterman attending institute | 11.55 |

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
March 21, 1902

North Franklin

The winter term of school in Dist. No 2 closed last Saturday. Miss Kittridge, the teacher will join her folks who a short time ago moved to near Fort Wayne where she intends to attend school this coming summer

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb County, Indiana, Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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|---|---|---|
| Feb. 21, 1903 | P. Firestone teaching | 15.00 |
| Mar 17 | A. K. McIntosh 28 1/2 cords wood No 2 & 5 SS | 11.40 |
| Apr 6 | P. Firestone teaching | 147.00 |
| | P. Firestone Co & Twp. Institute | 23.50 |
| Aug 31 | Abner Sewell Work No 2 SS | 3.00 |
| Nov.5 | Adam Richey insuring school No. 2 & 3 | 2.50 |
| Nov.14 | John Imhoff teaching | 10.00 |

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 1, 1904

A few weeks ago school District No. 2 had a box of shadow social from which they realized a snug little sum with which to purchase reading circle books. Mr. Imhoff is teacher in said District.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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| Apr. 1,1905 | John Imhof | Teaching | 251.25 |
| Apr. 7, | John Imhof, | attending institute | 15.31 |
| Sept.2, | Alonzo Matson. | clean chimneys, pipes and stoves of No. 1, 2,3,4,6,7,9. | 10.00 |
| Sept. 13 | Geo. Kepler, | clean sch. house #2 | 3.00 |
| Oct.17 | Chancey Baxter, | filling around school house. | 3.00 |
| Oct. 26 | P. H. Swift, | Teaching | 50.00 |
| Nov.15 | Geo. Kepler, | repairs on No.2,3, and 6 and putting up stove | 9.65 |
| Nov.18 | P, H. Swift, | teaching | 25.00 |
| Dec. 19 | H. K. Leas, | insurance assessment on school house No. 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 | 6.66 |

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
February 2, 1906

North Franklin

Superintendent Coe and Trustee Waterman visited our school, district No. 2, one day last week.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 10, 1908

North Franklin

A. J. Lautzenhiser closed his school at District No.2, last Thursday and moved onto his newly purchased farm near Edon, Ohio, Friday.

Quite a crowd gathered at the residence of A. L. Lautzenhisers on Last Monday evening and gave them a farewell party, the evening was spent with games, social talk, etc.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 26, 1908

North Franklin

School district No 2 taught by Miss Bemendeffer will have a box social and Literary entertainment on New Year's night.

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1Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 1, 1909

North Franklin

Our schools are all in full blast with Myra Scott as teacher in district No. 2.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
November 23, 1910

Franklin (intended for last week)

Miss Blanche Smith, teacher, and scholars are preparing Christmas exercises which they will render on Friday afternoon before Christmas. Their school will close for one week's vacation.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
December 30, 1910

The entertainment at the school house last Friday was very good and a goodly number of patrons were present. Miss Smith treated the pupils to candy and oranges. The scholars also presented the teacher with a Christmas present.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 22, 1911

A box social was held at No. 2, school house, Franklin township, Friday evening. About fifteen dollars was made. Blanch Smith, teacher.

Butler Weekly Report
Butler, Indiana
December 6, 1912

North Franklin

Chancy Baxter contemplates moving his family to Hamilton in the near future to reside there at least during the winter making it convenient for his children to attend the Hamilton Schools

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Butler Weekly Report
Butler, Indiana
January 24, 1919

Hamilton

Owing to so much sickness in the district, Ruth Lautzenhiser, who is teaching in District No. 2 Franklin township did not have school the fore part of last week.

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Butler Weekly Report
Butler, Indiana
September 19, 1919

Hamilton

Orla Fee is teaching school No.2 in Franklin township. Ruth Lautzenhiser is teaching at No. 3 in Florence township in Williams Co.

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Butler Weekly Report
Butler, Indiana
September 20, 1923

Anna Baxter has resigned as teacher of the Houlton school in Franklin township to a accept a position as teacher in the McIntosh school in Auburn. Harry Rodabaugh has taken her place in the Houlton school.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1933

Franklin school No, 2, taught by Miss Gail Wynkoop, held a Christmas program Friday afternoon, 107 being present. A Christmas exchange was held in which the teacher received several pretty as well as useful presents. Everyone received a treat, and departed for their homes, having had an enjoyable time.

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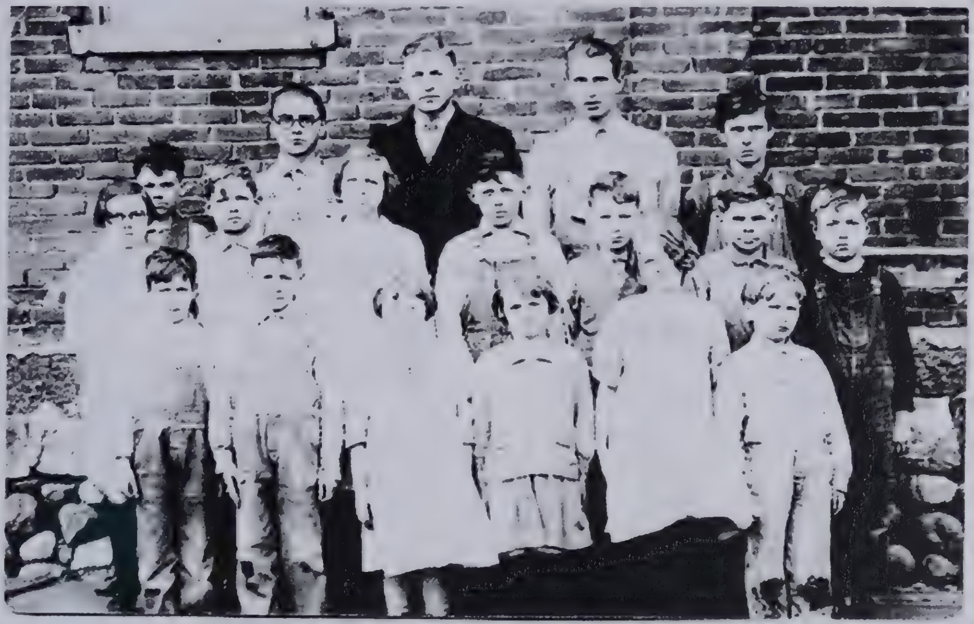
Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1934

Franklin No. two school taught, by Miss Gail Wynkoop, held a Christmas program on Friday afternoon December 21, which was enjoyed by all. Santa arrived treating the children to candy and oranges and the visitors to a bar of candy. The school had a Christmas exchange in which the teacher received many lovely and useful gifts.



**Franklin District # 2 School, Franklin Township**, located on DeKalb County Road 4. 1929. **Left to Right in Front Row:** Everett Betz, Paul Mann, Ruby Fee, Ardys Lautzenhiser, Phyllis Bolinger - - - - - Clark, **Second Row**: Mabel Mann, Frederick Egbert, Alice Dirrim, Harry Mann, Argyl Lautzenhiser, Kenneth Chapman, Leland Fee. **Back Row:** Lloyd Lautzenhiser, Wayne Dirrim, Edgar Willennar (Teacher), Marion Dirrim, and Albert Bolinger.

*Photo courtesy of Leland R. Fee*

Bill Howarth, Bells & Slates, Aug. 2001

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

### By Alice Marie Myers-Simper

I'm Alice Marie Myers-Simper. I was born on a farm in DeKalb county, Franklin Township, Indiana to Columbia Wing-Myers and L. Quentin Myers in August 1930. I have two brothers a a sister.

I went to No. 2 school in the first grade and Orlie Willennar was my teacher. There were five girls in the first grade. We rode the bus (hack) with Floyd Musser being the driver. It was an old bus with a row of seats along each side.

Next I went to school at Taylor's corners for second through sixth grade. We had a new bus with Howard Newcomer, our driver. My second grade teacher was Marguerite Blaker— she married Charlie Sharp. Then my teacher was Gail Wyncoop for the third through sixth grade.

When I was in second grade my seat was near the stove. Once I had my crayons in my desk on the near side to the stove and they melted together. We used to dry our gloves, mittens and boots around that stove.

Some of the games we used to play were: Anti-I-Over the Schoolhouse, Red Rover, Mother May I, Simon Says, Crack-the-Whip and baseball. We used to crawl through the culvert there, too. In the winter time we used to play Fox and Geese in the snow.

For my seventh and eighth grade I went to Franklin Center with Berta Willennar being my teacher.

We had a music teacher come to our rural schools once a month, I believe. She was Mrs. Cather.

Our drinking water was carried in a tall metal pail/can from the nearest neighbor to the schools.

Of course, we had outdoor toilets—one for the boys and one for the girls.

The country schools each had all eight grades with one teacher until the fall of 1940.

There was a long recitation seat in front of the teacher's desk. When it was each classes turn, we went up and sat on the recitation seat for our lesson.

A long slate blackboard was on the wall behind the teacher's desk, where, also was a pull-down map.

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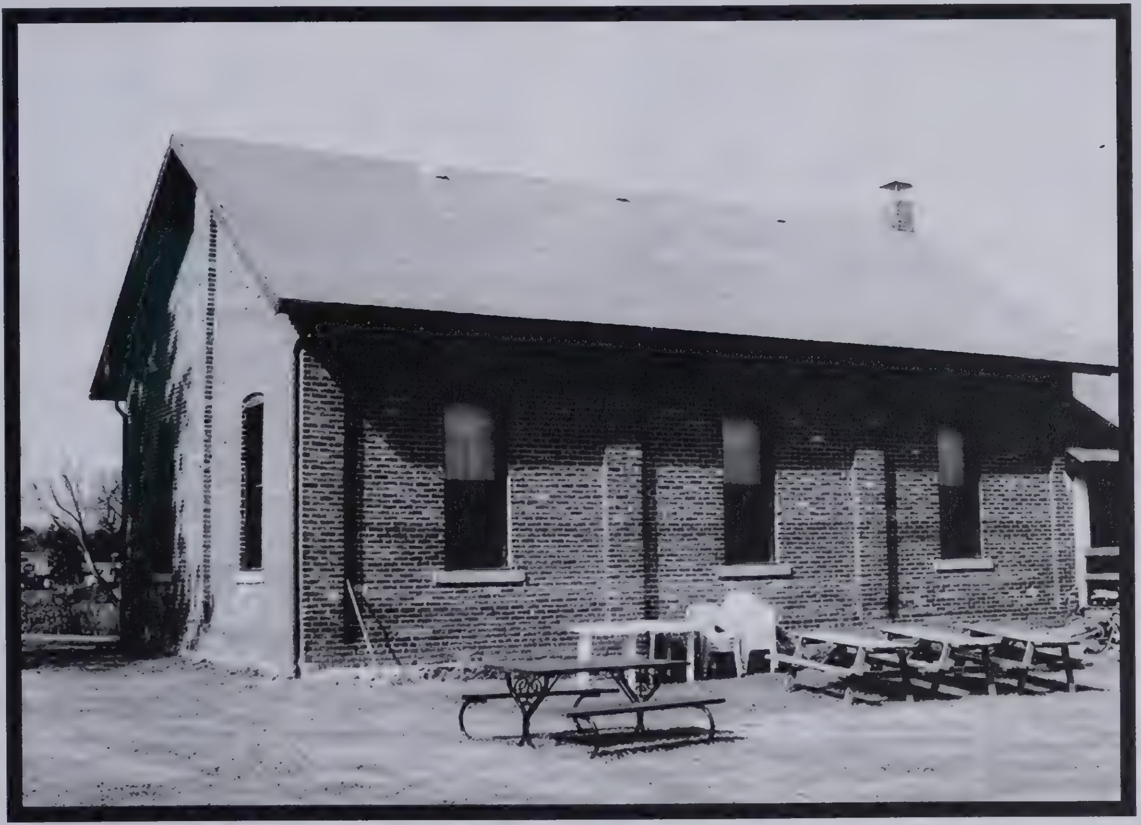
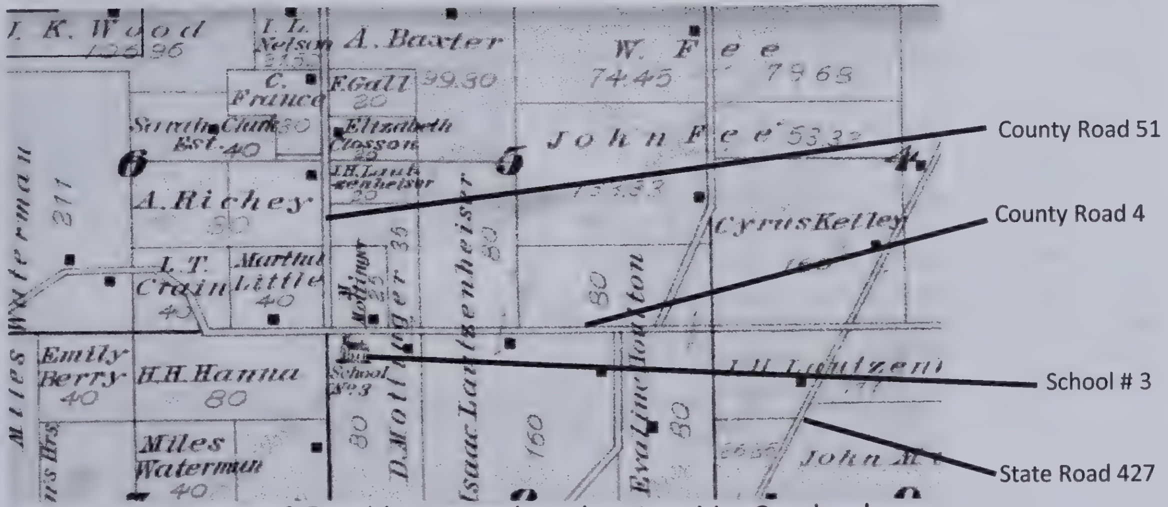
# DUTCH GAP

## Number 3 School

Southeast corner County Road 4 and County Road 51
This school later became the Grange Hall

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C. France
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Elizabeth Closson
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J.H. Lautzenheiser
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John Fee
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A. Richey
80
Cyrus Kelley
Miles Waterman
211
L. T. Crain
40
Martha Little
40
D. Mollinger
80
Isaac Lautzenheiser
80
160
80
Evaline Houlton
80
Emily Berry
40
H.H. Hanna
80
School No. 3
J.H. Lautzenheiser
Miles Waterman
40
John M.

County Road 51
County Road 4
School # 3
State Road 427

1880 map of Franklin Township showing No. 3 school.

### Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881

By W. H. McIntosh

No. 3: Here is an old house, on a muddy site open on the side to the roads. Platforms and door north end. Seats old-fashioned, recitation benches of —— style. Mr. French, teacher, is not as well qualified as some, yet he is in the main a teacher. The school averages 39, 18 young men and 6 girls only. Time given to few branches. Notably arithmetic-mental and practical. Geography and grammar not studied There is some ———- of proficiency shown in mental arithmetic. In several feature this is better class of the olden time school.

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### Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881

By W. H. McIntosh

January 6, 1881

No. 3:

Lydia North, Grade 8. Jan. 14, and the mercury 2 below O. the door has a broken lock and is kept closed by a stick against it. Panes of glass are broken. The frames of shattered shutters slam to and fro, creaking dismally. Now the room is alight, now deeply shaded. It tells of poverty and neglect. Wood dirt litters on floor. The teacher is mistress and there is order, study and instruction. She deserves credit for work done and doing. Classes have time and opportunity. It is attempted to draw attention to geography and grammar.

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### Butler Record, Butler, Indiana

February 23, 1894

No school at No. 3 now. The teacher, John Lautzenheiser, is on the sick list..

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### Butler Record, Butler, Indiana

July 6, 1894

John Lautzenheizer who has been teaching and going to school since last September will now spend a few months at home exercising his muscles doing farm work.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 3

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|---|---|
| December 7, 1898<br>Lane & Lane per Geddes,<br>six window curtains No. 3 | 2.40 |
| January 13, 1898<br>Samuel K. Motinger,<br>(?), cleaning school house and other labor ? No. 3 | 4.82 |
| April 4, 189<br>Mayme Huyck,<br>attending tp institute | 9.60 |
| April 20, 1899<br>A. C. Hamman,<br>12 cords of wood school No. 3 | 10.68 |
| October 12, 1898<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No. 3 | 20.00 |
| October 31, 1898<br>Mayme Huyck,<br>teaching No. 3 | 10.00 |
| November 12, 1898<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No 3 | 5.00 |
| December 3, 1898<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No. 3 | 40.00 |
| December 31, 1898<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No. 3 | 15.00 |
| February 4, 1899<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No 3 | 30.00 |
| February 18, 1899<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No. 3 | 10.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>Mayme Huyck<br>teaching No. 3 | 94.00 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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Date Sept. 4, 1900

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| 1900<br>Mar. 7 G. R. Farnum,<br>glass, broom, nails, bell rope, etc. dist 2 and 3 | 4.50 |
| 1899<br>Nov. 25 Nellie Newcomer<br>teaching No. 3 | 40.00 |
| 1900<br>Feb. 10 Nellie Newcomer<br>teaching No. 3 | 50.00 |
| Apr. 27 Nellie Newcomer<br>attending institute | 10.50 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1901

Eddy's Corners

On last Wednesday evening a party of young people gathered at the home of Lewis Houlton and family. The evening was spent in playing games of various kinds which all seemed to enjoy. Among those present were Miss McCurdy, teacher at Dutch gap school with a sled load of her pupils, Miss Olivia Eddy, teacher at Learned's school, with some of her scholars, some to the pupils of Houlton school, making in all about 40 present

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
April 20, 1905

Last Friday school closed at No. 3 of Franklin Township, which was taught by Mr. Perry Hamman. The patrons and friends of the teacher fully armed with lunch baskets stormed and captured the schoolhouse. After the surrender order was restored, tables were set and the baskets emptied. After dinner a suitable program was carried out by the pupils. There were about fifty present besides the pupils..

The patrons present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tinstman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jackman, Mr., and Mrs. John Thrush, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Musser, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Thrush, S. K. Mottinger, Mrs. Oliver Fee, Mrs. John Fee, Mrs. Allen Hamman, Mrs. Frank Smith, Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clingiman, Mrs. Martin White, Mrs. Minor, Mrs. J. Betz, Mrs. George Gnagy, Misses Mabel Waterman, Grace Waterman, Lethe and Mamie White, Mabel and Edna Ford, Pearl Lautzenhiser, Ricky Schiek, Eva Fee, Sylvia Everhart, Lloyd Steller, Messrs. Arthur Tinstman, Otis Gail, Chas. White, Sherman Musser, John Swiceheart, Dannie Mottinger, Russell Taylor, Roy Everhart, Alva Kepler.

The teacher closed the program with a few remarks, thanking the patrons and commending his pupils.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

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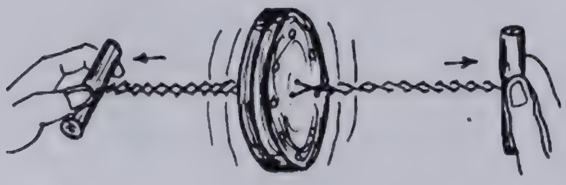
| Feb. 17, 1905 | Geo. W. Kepler, | fixing door and stove #3 | 2.25 |
| Feb. 19 | A. W. McClish, | zinc for No.3 | 1.45 |
| Apr. 14, | Perry Hamman, | teaching #3 | 239.50 |
| Apr. 14, | Perry Hamman, | attending institute | 15.22 |
| Sept. 2, | Alonzo Matson, | cleaning chimneys pipes and stoves of No.1,2,3,4,6,7,9 | 10.00 |
| Oct.9, | Harvey Stulier, | cleaning sch. house #3 | 3.50 |
| Nov. | | teaching #3 | 30.00 |
| Nov. 15 | Geo. Kepler, | repairs on No. 2,3,6 and puttin up stove. | 9.65 |
| Dec. 19 | H. K. Leas, | insurance assessment on school house No.1, 2, 3, 6, 8 | 6.66 |
| Dec. 28 | Perry Hamman, | teaching #3 | 15.00 |



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 26, 1908

School District No.3 had a Christmas tree entertainment last Saturday night they had a good audience and a good time not withstanding the extreme darkness of the night. Said school is taught by Miss Myra Scott.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
July 28, 1911

Miss Pearl Lautzenhiser who is attending a course of teacher's training school spent last Sunday with home folks

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1912

Hamilton

Last Saturday evening, Harold Brown, son of Trustee George Brown of Otsego and Miss Pearl Lautzenheiser were married at the home of the bride's parents. E. E. Lautzenheiser. Rev. Burke said the words that made them one. The young people went at once to their own house that Mr. Brown had furnished for his bride. They will live on a farm about five miles northeast of Hamilton. The best wishes of a host of friends go with the young people who start out with such bright prospects.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1912

MARRIAGE OF
BROWN - LAUTZENHEISER

Miss Pearl Lautzenheiser, formerly a school teacher in Franklin township, DeKalb county, was married to Mr. Harold F. Brown of Angola, April 13, 1912 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lautzenheiser, with only the immediate relatives in attendance. The ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. B. Burke of Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home near Angola.

NOTE: Miss Pearl was a teacher at No. 3 in 1912.

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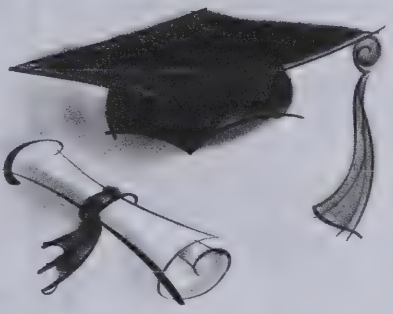
Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
September 6, 1923

Hamilton

Chas. Radabaugh is teaching at Dutch Gap and Orla Fee at Bonny Dell.



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 26, 1926

West Franklin

Miss Flora Dixon who is teaching No. 2 school is staying with her brother at Hamilton while the roads are in bad shape.

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Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
August 20, 1931

Franklin township schools will all be opened this fall except Dutch Gap or No. 3 and Hook's or No. 7

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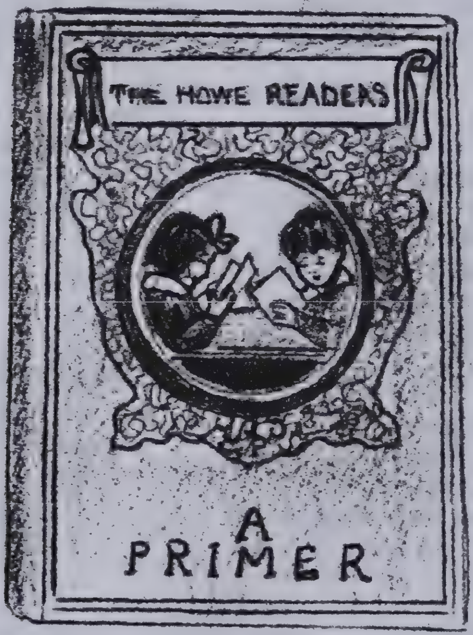
Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 16, 1948

35 YEARS AGO

Taken From Our File (1913)

As the noon hour was drawing near at District No 3, Franklin Township, the teacher, Orlie Fee, was surprised by the parents coming in and taking possession of the school room with well filled baskets which occupied four long tables. There were seventy-seven who did justice to themselves and the feast was large enough for three times that many. After the noon hour, a program was rendered after which presents were given to Blanch and Herbert Howard, Naomi and Otis Hamman and Frances Kepler who had neither been tardy nor absent the entire term.



# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Carl Kepler…1924-1928

The property for the school came from the Warner family. There was a large group of Hungarians that had settled in the area.

### School Interior

Teacher had to bring water, 16-20 students total, teacher cleaned the school, pegs for hats and shelves for the lunch buckets, coal shed out back, teacher designated someone to go and get coal.

### School Day Schedule

Started at 8:00 with half hour for lunch, students had to go to school a certain number of days before they could pass onto the next grade.

### Special Days or Activities

Arnold Fee organized softball teams and they played Taylors Corners and other schools.

We had Halloween and Christmas parties as well as Valentine exchanges when names were drawn

### Lunch Time

I carried a lunch bucket with canned peaches, sandwich, and cookies from the Huckster Wagon. Sandwiches were dried beef or egg.

### Recess Games

"Post" stand up and have someone throw snowballs at you and you had to guess who hit you.

We had "etiquette" for the outhouses.

**Teachers** were Marie Warner, Victor Beers, Harold Stoy, Louis Szeman, and Bernard, Ronald and Dayton Lockwood.

**A story** about the school was that students climbed into the bell tower and took a piece of inner tube to the rope so that when they would ring the bell the rope would fly up so they couldn't reach it. They'd have to climb up in the tower to get the rope.

# School Number 4

Number 4 School
northeast corner of County Road 61 and County Road 16
- 1880 Atlas ? - 1886
**Relocated at**
Taylors Corners
southwest corner State Road 427 and County Road 12
1886-1957

There were no pictures of the original No. 4 school that we could locate.

In the 1880 Atlas, No. 4 school was shown at County Road 61 and County Road 16 on the NE corner. This would have predated numbered or paved roads in this area. It was referred to as Haverstock school.

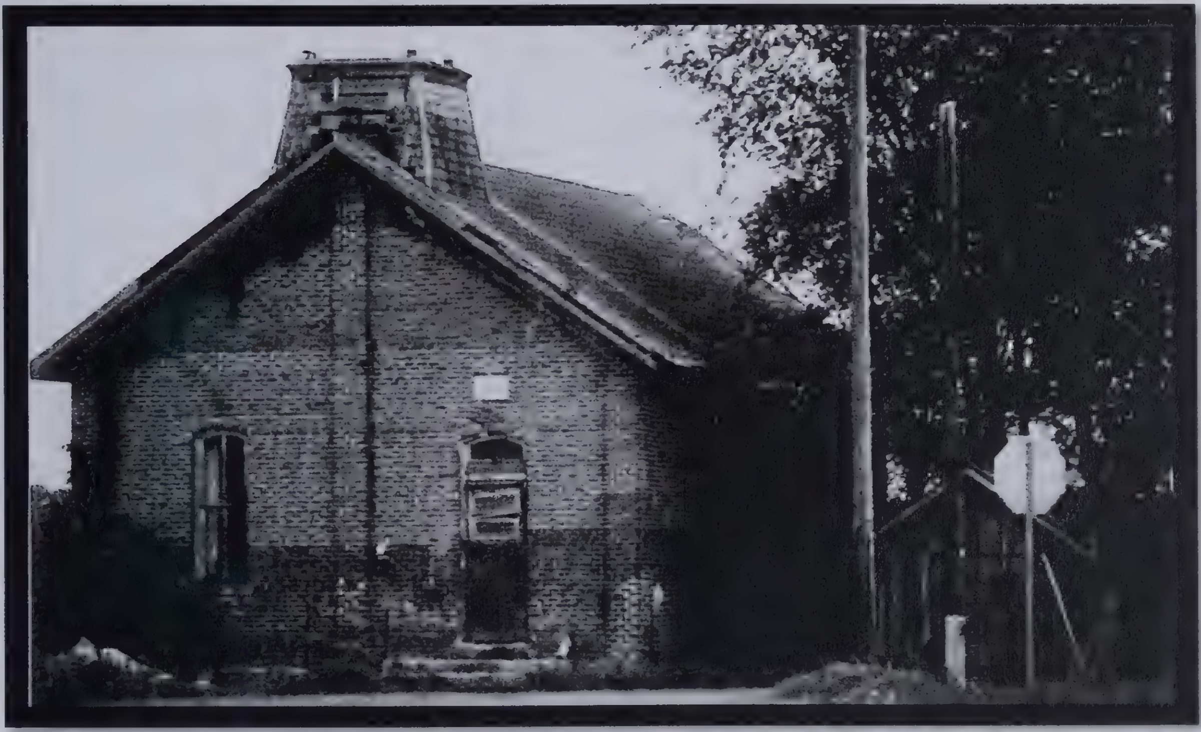
# TAYLORS CORNERS SCHOOL

## Number 4 School

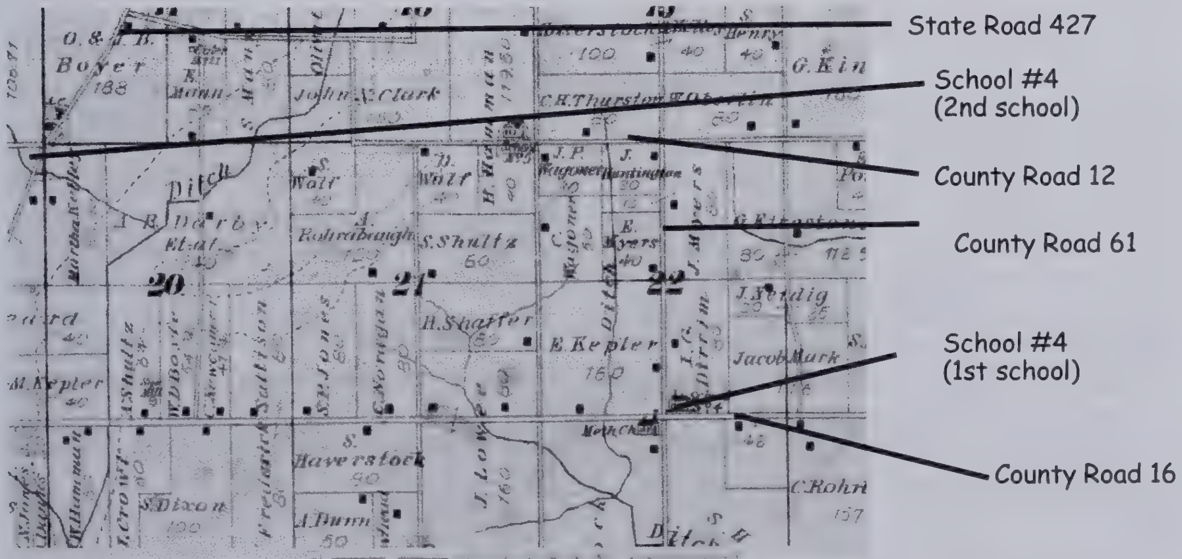
northeast corner of County Road 61 and County Road 16 ? - 1886

**Relocated at**

southwest corner State Road 427 and County Road 12 1886-1959



Taylor's Corner District #4 school was built in 1885. Sign on the front reads "Public School, Dist. 4 1886". Sadly this school burned on April 12, 2006.


State Road 427
School #4
(2nd school)
County Road 12
County Road 61
School #4
(1st school)
County Road 16
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1880 map of Franklin Township showing the first No. 4 school location. Also showing relocation on State Road 427

# Number 4 (1st)
## County Roads 16 & 61

NOTE: McIntosh;'s report is for the first No. 4 school

Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 4:** Stormy wind and snow, rough frozen roads. House within comfortable. 18 pupils thoroughly taught by natural process. Classed prompt and attentive. Error of every emphasis corrected by pupils themselves. Reading is well taught lessons like those here are worth a volume of theories. Aid class to relate contents of pictures as if all does by them. No point omitted. Much taught in brief time. Here is towel and stand by pail and dipper. It is a sad defict—a low dangerous _____ man and otherwise good character

Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

No. 4: Jan. 7, Ida Wyckoff. Grade 4. 28 enrolled, 21 present. She is pleasant and pains-taking, there is diligence without quiet owing to lip movement. Geography read and questioned upon. Young children write lessons. There is here neither future failure, not actual success.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 6, 1879

A school war of immense proportions is raging up in Franklin township. *NOTE - this was over the teachers at #4. It seems they were fighting to keep it open ( attendance had dwindled.*

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
February 16, 1882

District No. 4; the month ending Feb. 3. Number enrolled 27. Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the month: Lorinda Lowe, Loeza Marks, Stella Kepler, Ameda Oster, Sam'l Haverstock, Sherman Kepler, Geo. Wagner, John Lowe, Marshal Lowe .

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
March 16, 1882

Report of school district number 4 for the month ending March 3, 1882: Number of pupils enrolled 24, number attending 21; average attendance 16; names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month: Lorinda Lowe, Mahala Rohrbaugh, Loeza Mark, Stella Kepler, Samuel Haverstock, Marshal Lowe, John Lowe. Names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy during the term: Lorinda Lowe, Loeza Mark, Stella Kepler, Marshal Lowe.

IRENE CAMPBELL, teacher

# Number 4 (2nd)
# Taylors Corners

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
May 12, 1887

Report of school district No. 4, Franklin Township. Names of pupils who have neither been absent nor tardy for the month ending May 6th, 1887: Miloa Mann, Edie Mann, Cora Kepler, Lola Kepler, Nellie Newcomer, Delbert Newcomer, Wilbur Newcomer, Lona Shultz, Barton Shultz, Bertha Jackman, Burton Jackman, Mamie Waterman: Names of those who were absent or tardy but once: Harley Mann, Roy Waterman, Bertha Beard.

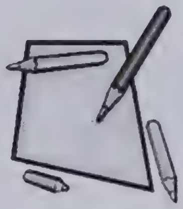
Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
November 22, 1888

District No. 4, Franklin township. Names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for one month are as follows" Bertha Beard, Lola Kepler, Effie Mann, Mamie Waterman, Wilbur Newcomer, Delbert Newcomer, Cora Kepler, Ida McCosh, Nellie Newcomer, Burton Shultz, Johny Taylor and Rhoda Shultz. Those absent but one day; Bertha Jackman. Total number of pupils 28.

MINNIE KEPLER, Teacher

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 13, 1888

Miss Minnie Kepler, the energetic young lady who teaches the school in District No. 4, Franklin township, announces an entertainment for Christmas eve, Monday, Dec. 24, 1888. Retorical exercises, music, marching, a Christmas ladder and other exercises of interest will be in order. Further arrangements will be promulgated later.



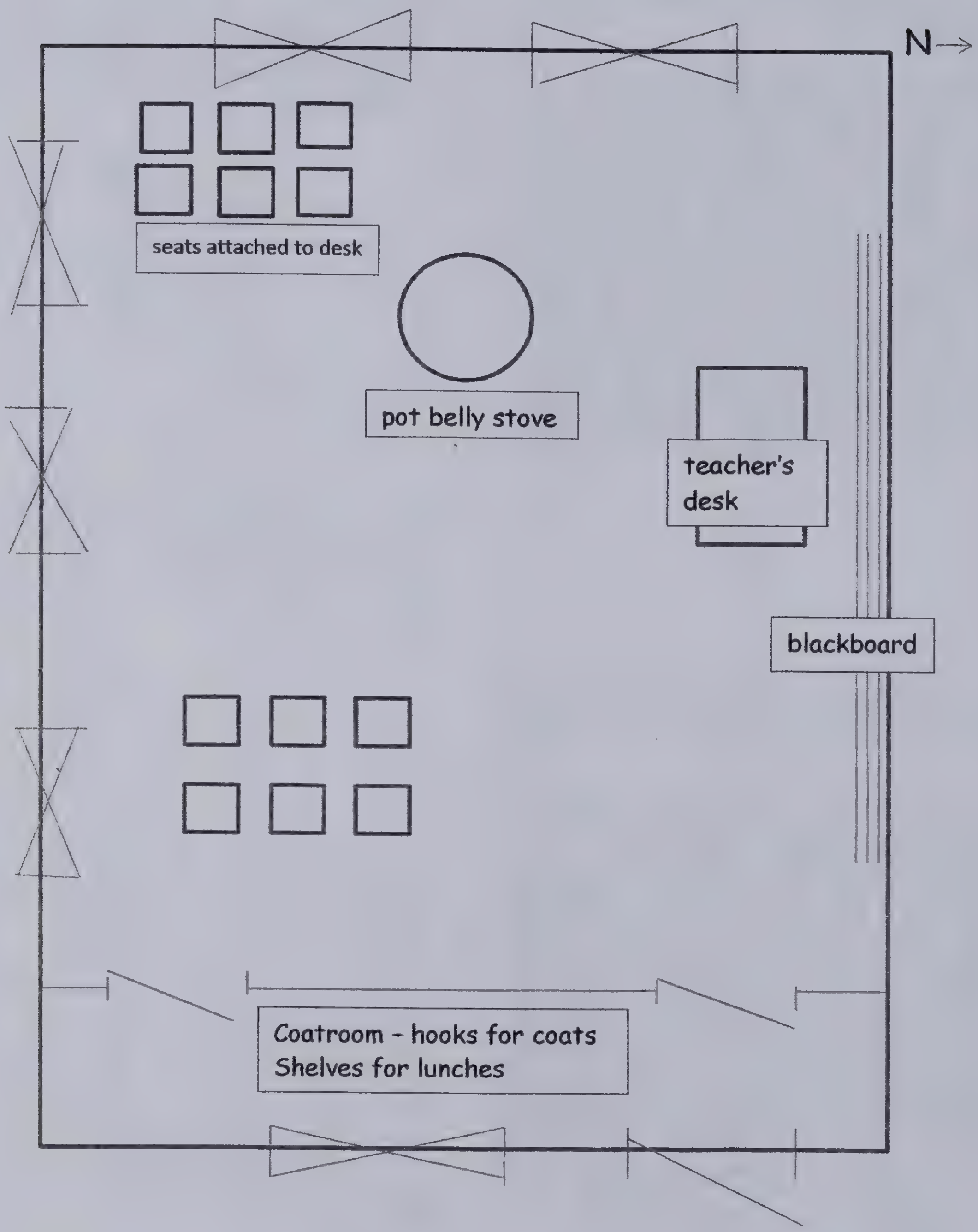
Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 27, 1888

SCHOOL REPORT

Taylor's Corners, District Number 4, Franklin township, for the month ending December 21st. Number enrolled 40; names of pupils neither absent nor tardy, Burton Jackman, Laura McCosh, Lola Kepler, Bertha Jackman, Effie Mann, Wilbur Newcomer, James McCosh, Charles McCosh, Dlbert Newcomer, Cora Kepler, Ida McCosh, Nellie Newcomer, Burton Schultz, Johnnie Taylor, Rhoda Schultz, Ora Dixon, and Charlie McIntosh. Absence caused by sickness, cases one, Bertha McIntosh. School progressing finely.

MINNIE KEPLER, Teacher

## Taylor's Corner School
## Floor plans for the 1940-1950's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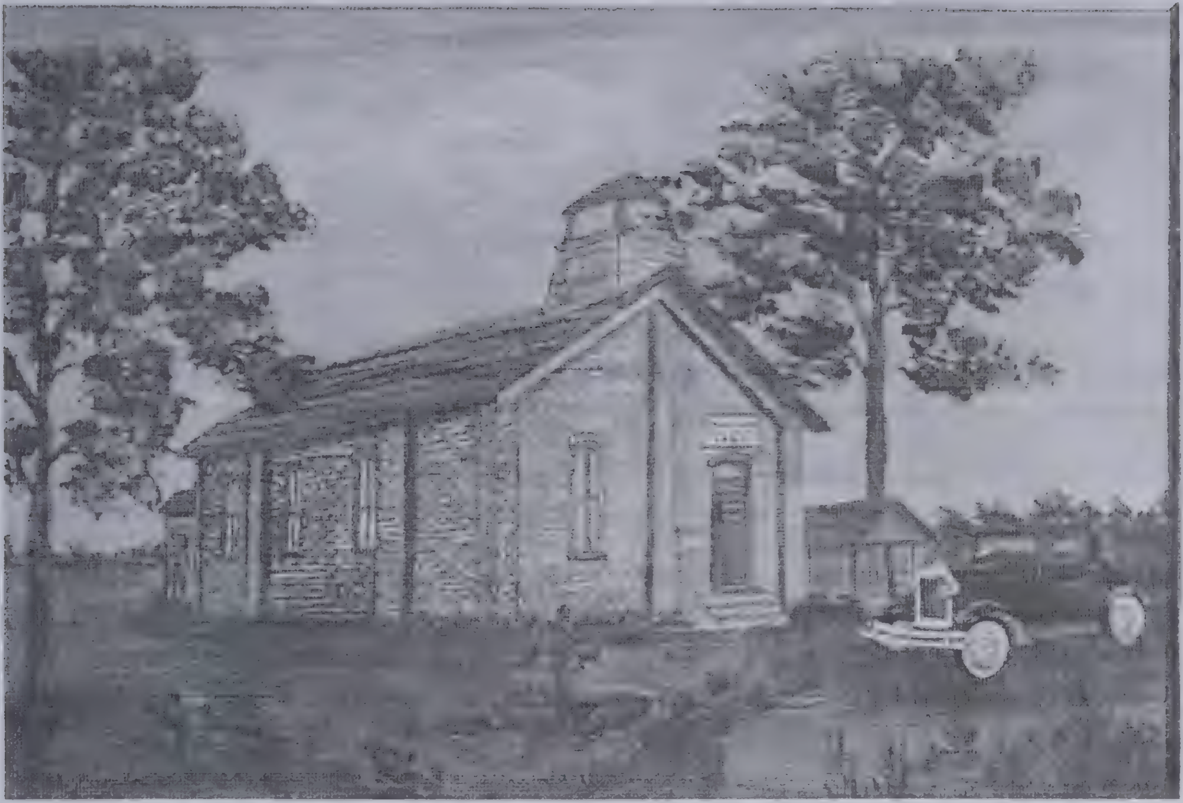
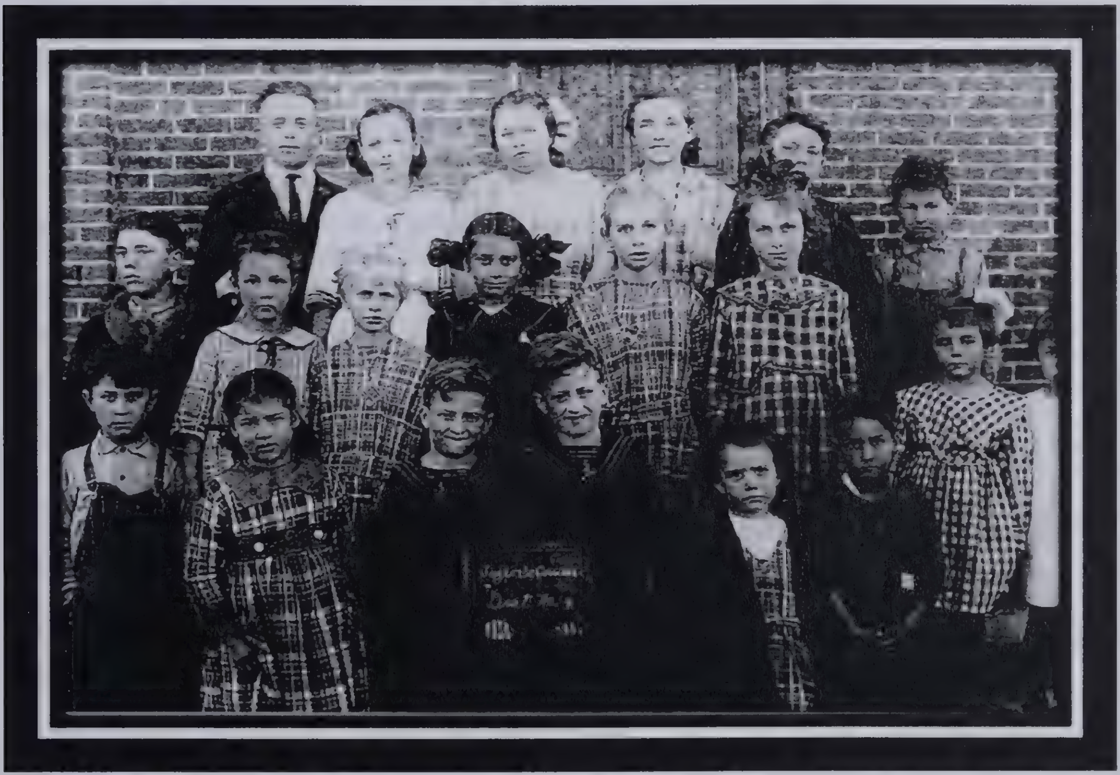
seats attached to desk
pot belly stove
teacher's desk
blackboard
Coatroom – hooks for coats
Shelves for lunches



Painting of Taylors Corners School by D. Ankney 2005



Taylors Corners, No 4 Year ?

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 27, 1888

### FRANKLIN TWP., DISTRICT NO. 4

Our school house was the scene of a happy and merry Christmas in the form of an entertainment given by our enterprising teacher, Miss Minnie Kepler, which was enjoyed by her pupils and a crowded house of friends. The entertainment consisted of a Christmas ladder, singing, marching, rhetoricals, etc.'al of which was successfully carried through, to credit of both teacher and scholars. Prof. E. J. Davis, of Waterloo, was present, and assisted in the music. It would be unfair to mention names where all did so well, and we simply say that every exercise of the long program was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, and showed much painstaking and taste on the part of the teach and intelligence on the part of the scholars. Miss Kepler is a very popular and successful teacher, and deserves much praise for the interest taken in her school. That she may live to enjoy merry Christmas and happy new years, is the wish of her many friends and scholars.

Look, Jane, look.
See Baby.
Oh, oh, oh.
Funny, funny Baby.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 4, 1889

### REPORT OF SCHOOL

District No. 4 Franklin township for the month ending January 9, 1889; Names of pupils neither tardy nor absent for one month, Lola Kepler, Bertha Beard, James McCosh, Wilbur Newcomer, Mamie Waterman, Delbert Newcomer, Cora Kepler, Nellie Newcomer, Johnny Taylor and Charlie McIntosh. Names of those tardy or absent by once, Emma McCosh, Bertha Jackman, Lola Sattison, Burton Schultz, Roy Waterman and Ora Dixon. Number of pupils enrolled 37.

MINNIE KEPLER, Teacher

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana

District No. 4, Franklin Township for the month ending Feb. 15. Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy are as follows: Bertha Beard, Lula Kepler, Wilbur Newcomer, Mamie Waterman, Delbert Newcomer, Cora Kepler, Burton Shultz, John Taylor, Bertha McIntosh, Ora Dixon. Names of those being lardy or absent but once during the month are Emma McCosh, Effie Mann, Ida McCosh, Nellie Newcomer. Number of pupils enrolled for the month, 35; average daily attendance, 24. The scholar which practices the grand and noble habit of "being on time" is sure to attain success, and will be greatly rewarded for so doing.

MINNIE KEPLER, Teacher

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 10, 1894

Mrs. Bennett living near Hudson while driving near No. 4 school house, Franklin township had a run away. Her arm was bruised and leg was broken in jumping out of the buggy. No damage was done to either horses or buggy.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1895

North Franklin
Last Friday night there was an exhibition at school district No. 4

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 16, 1897

Franklin Center
Miss Minnie Lautzenheizer closed a very successful term of school at No. 4 last Saturday with an entertainment in the evening. Those who were so fortunate as to get in the crowded house speak very highly of the entertainment and say the program was splendid.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 22, 1897

Eddy's Corners
Miss Mayme Huyck teacher at Taylors corners school, visited the Houlton school last Tuesday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 29, 1897

The teachers of Franklin and Smithfield will hold the second joint institute at Taylor's Corners school house Saturday, Nov. 6, 1897. The public is cordially invited.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Reprot No. 4

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| November 3, 1898<br>Daniel Lochamier,<br>labor and supplies dis. No. 4 | 5.83 |
| January 4, 1898<br>Fletcher Jackman,<br>per N.J. 25 1/4 cords wood at school house No.4 | 18.68 |
| April 7, 1899<br>A. L. Shultz,<br>attending tp institute | 11.20 |
| A L Shutz.<br>teachingNo.4 | 224.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana. J. W. Brown, Township Trustee. Date Sept 4, 1900.

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| 1899 | | | |
| Sept. 29 | Geo. J. Beard, | cleaning house and mowing yard No. 4 | 2.50 |
| Sept. 29 | Geo. J. Beard, | school supplies | .90 |
| Dec. 1 | Sam Brown, | hauling school desks No. 4 | 1.25 |
| 1900 | | | |
| Jan. 3 | A. Bolinger, | wood at No. 4 school house | 16.63 |
| Jan. 8 | M. F. Campbell, | insurance on school house No. 4, 7 and 9 | 19.00 |
| May ? | T. E. Imhof, | seat for privy school No. 4 | 1.00 |
| Jun 8 | Geo. J. Beard | 2 brooms, window glass, school house 4 | 1.15 |
| Jun 8 | Geo. J. Beard. | 1 days work on privy at school house No. 4 | 1.00 |
| July 12 | Marshall Lowe | repairing bell school house 4 | .25 |
| 1899 | | | |
| Nov. 25 | Rilla Newcomer | teaching No. 4 | 60.00 |
| 1900 | | | |
| Jan. 13 | Rilla McCague | teaching No. 4 | 25.00 |
| Apr. 20 | Rilla Newcomer-McCague | teaching No. 4 | 146.00 |
| Apr. 20 | Rilla Newcomer-McCague | attending institute | 11.55 |

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb county Indiana,

Dated Jan 5, 1904. D. Lochamier, Trustee

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| Jan. 14, 1903 | J.C. Day, | 18 lbs of nails | .70 |
| Jan. 14, | J.C. Day | glass No. 4 | 1.72 |
| Jan. 16 | Edson Beard | teaching No. 4 | 125.00 |
| Jan. 17, | J.A. Campbell, | Insurance for 9, 4, 7 for three years | 23.00 |
| Feb. 7 | G. F. Gengnagel & Sons | supplies & Rep. chimneys | |

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January 19, 1906

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| May 11,1905 | Edson Beard, | teaching school | 363.82 |
| May 11 | Edson Beard, | attending institute | 15.28 |
| Sept. 2, | Alonzo Matson, | cleaning chimneys, pipes and stoves of No.1,2,3,4,6,7,9 | 10.00 |
| Sept. 19 | Eva White, | cleaning school house No. 4 | 3.00 |
| Nov. 1 | Edson Beard, | teaching school | 65.00 |
| Dec. 29 | Edson Beard, | teaching school | 25.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 17, 1909

Mabel Murch and Mildred Kenestrick attended teacher's institute at No. 4 Franklin Tuesday. Three townships held institute together.

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
November 23, 1917

## Franklin Township School Fair is Big Success

Taylor's Corners School Gives Splendid Exhibit and Program—Thirteen School Fairs Held in County last year.

"I consider the school fair one of the best community projects a teacher can put into his or her school," commented County Agent Arehart Thursday.

He attended the fair at Taylor's Corners in Franklin township Wednesday evening and is enthusiastic over the exhibit and the program that was given incent ally. Almost 150 people were present, including most of the farmers and their families of the community.

Miss Myra Scott is the teacher of this school and under her direction had ben assembled a large quantity of cakes, vegetables, fresh and canned fruits, eggs and grains. Mr. Arehart awarded prize ribbons for the best exhibits in each line, red ribbons for the first prize, blue for second and white for third.

Edison Beard, the township trustee, made a fine talk in which he spoke of the benefit of the school fair and .praised the teacher for her success in directing it. Mr. Arehart also made a talk in which he encouraged the teacher and her school

The meeting was in charge of the "Happy Hour Farm Club," and the president turned the direction of the program over to the club's secretary, Miss Grace Newcomer. A delightful program was given, consisting of songs, recitational dialogues, a Spanish dancing game and drills. The boys and girls of Bonny Dell school contributed a song.

The next school exhibit scheduled will be given by "The Hustlers of No. 9 School" in Jackson township on December 14. Miss Nellie Carnahan is the teacher.

There were thirteen school fairs given in the county last year and Mr. Arehart hopes the number will be increased this year

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 25, 1918

Franklin

Frank Schrader's children (Charles L., John S., Rosa D.) have been absent from school the past week on account of sickness.

Vara Fifer was absent from school four days on account of an attack of lagrippe and indigestion

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 4. 1919

Hamilton

After about six weeks illness Orla Fee resumed teaching school at Taylor's school house Monday

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 11, 1919

Franklin

Miss Hazel McClellan, Lois Collins and Mary Carpenter were among those from this neighborhood who passed the 8th grade examination.

The Center school will close Saturday.

Bruce Ratts was ill this week and absent from school a few days.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 5, 1920

Feb.29th being Charles Schrader's sixteenth birthday his parents planned a surprise on him. While he was gone Saturday evening 30 of his friends gathered at his home to greet him upon his return. He received a gold watch and a number of other useful presents. His father gave him a new buggy and horse.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
July 30, 1931

We are informed that the Taylor School house will be reopened this year for the coming school year, after being closed last year.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 23, 1932

Letters written to Santa from
Taylors Corners School
North Pole
Dear Santa I have been a very good girl and I want a big doll for Christmas, please. That is all.
Luella Mae Overholt.

North Pole
Dear Santa Claus
Please give me a toy bar and animals for Christmas. Some candy and oranges.
Yours truly,
Jack Houser etc.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 21, 1933

Friday, April 21st, a basket dinner was held at Taylor's Corners school where Mrs. Claude LaRowe was teacher. There were many present and all enjoyed the day very much.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 11, 1933

Charles Franks, an eight-year-old boy of Franklin township, is very ill with pneumonia following the measles.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 21. 1933

Franklin News

Taylor's school visited Franklin Center school. They all enjoyed a ball game, which resulted in the Franklin Center school wining.

Miss Mildred Getts returned to school this week after an absence due to an appendix operation.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 25, 1933

Mrs. Claude LaRowe had a Christmas entertainment at her school at Taylor's Corners Friday evening. A good sized audience listened to the program after which each one was served popcorn balls. They had a Christmas exchange

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 18, 1944

Mrs. Orlis Willennar served as a substitute teacher for two weeks at Taylor's Corner.

Record Herald Butler, Indiana
December 19, 1946

The Franklin township schools will give an opera "Christmas Bizarre" by the children of grades 1 to 8 on Friday evening at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge but a free will offering will be accepted.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 20, 1946

### OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN BY TAYLORS CORNERS AND FRANKLIN SCHOOLS

The pupils of Taylor's Corners and Franklin Center schools will present an operetta entitled, "A Christmas Bazaar" under the direction of Mrs. Mary Bopp, Friday evening, December 20th, at the Butler High School auditorium There will be no admission charge and the public is invited The children have put in a lot of time and hard work preparing this scenic production and they assure a enjoyable evening to those

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
March 17, 1950

Thirty-five years ago

Miss Grace Whetsel began her work as teacher at Taylor's Corners Thursday, the school having been closed two weeks on account of scarlet fever.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 24, 1953

### INCREASE IN PUPILS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

#### 1578 Children Are Enrolled.

Roger Hess of Auburn, superintendent of the DeKalb county rural schools has reported that enrollment in the schools under his jurisdiction has increased 57 pupils this year to a total of 1,578.

There were 1,521 enrolled in the rural schools at the start of the 1952-1953 term.

Of the total enrolled this year, 836 are boys and 742 girls.

The enrollment for Taylor's Corners, 34

Virgil Hagerty of north of Auburn is county attendance officer.

# SCHOOL PAPER FROM 1933

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 24, 1933

One summer I made up my mind to go to Africa with several men who were going to explore some of the unknown parts. My cousin was going to.

The first thing we did was to travel to the Atlantic coast where we boarded our steamship which was bound for Africa. We were soon out of sight of New York. We were on the ocean six days, then we landed on the coast of Africa.

We took about one hundred African natives with us as guides. We were soon in the jungles. My cousin and I wandered from camp for two days. Clair, my cousin, and I while wandering heard a purring sound behind us. We looked around and saw a lion all crouched ready to spring. As startled as we were, we started to climb a tree beside us which we could hardly do. The lion roared fiercely and sprang but we were out of his reach. Clair said: "We sure got out of this lucky."

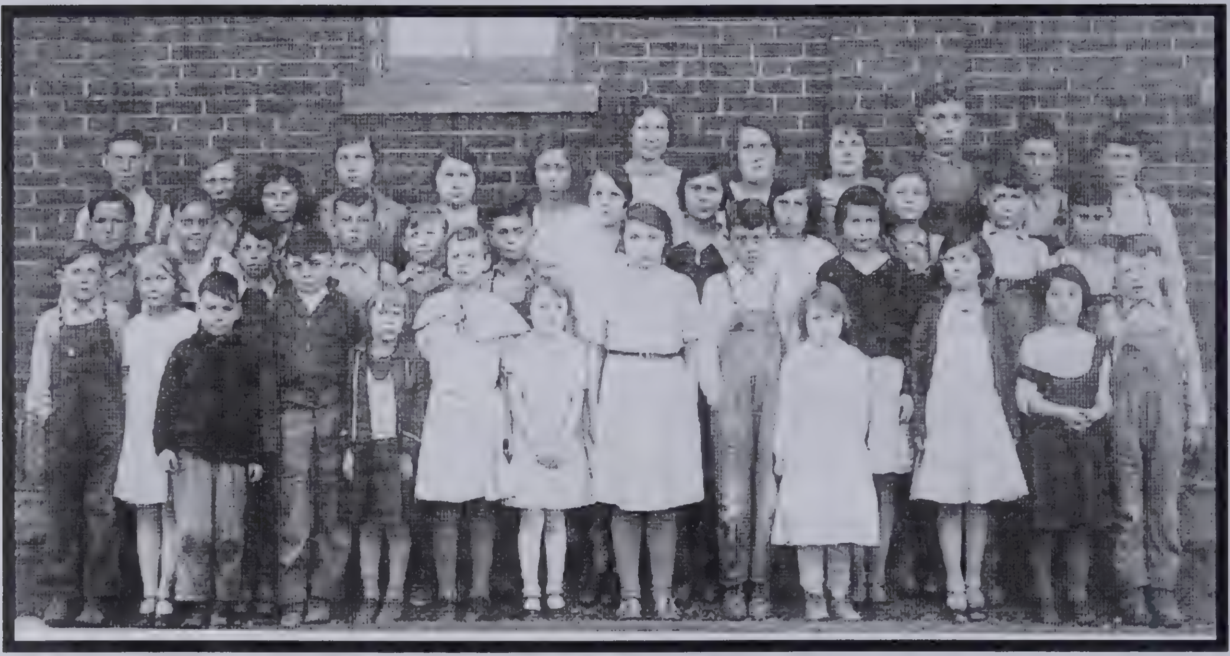
We climbed near the top in the tangle of vines and limbs, so the lion could not see us. Then we wound ourselves from one tree to the next until we reached camp. When we reached camp the men were much worried. They thought something or someone had killed us. After that we stayed at the camp and helped with the cooking and care of the animals which the hunters brought in.

We started home after two months of adventure.

Dayton Lockwood
Grade Seven
Taylor's Corners.

*Good Story. Does it belong in "Believe It Or Not"?

# Taylors Corner's School
# 1932-1933



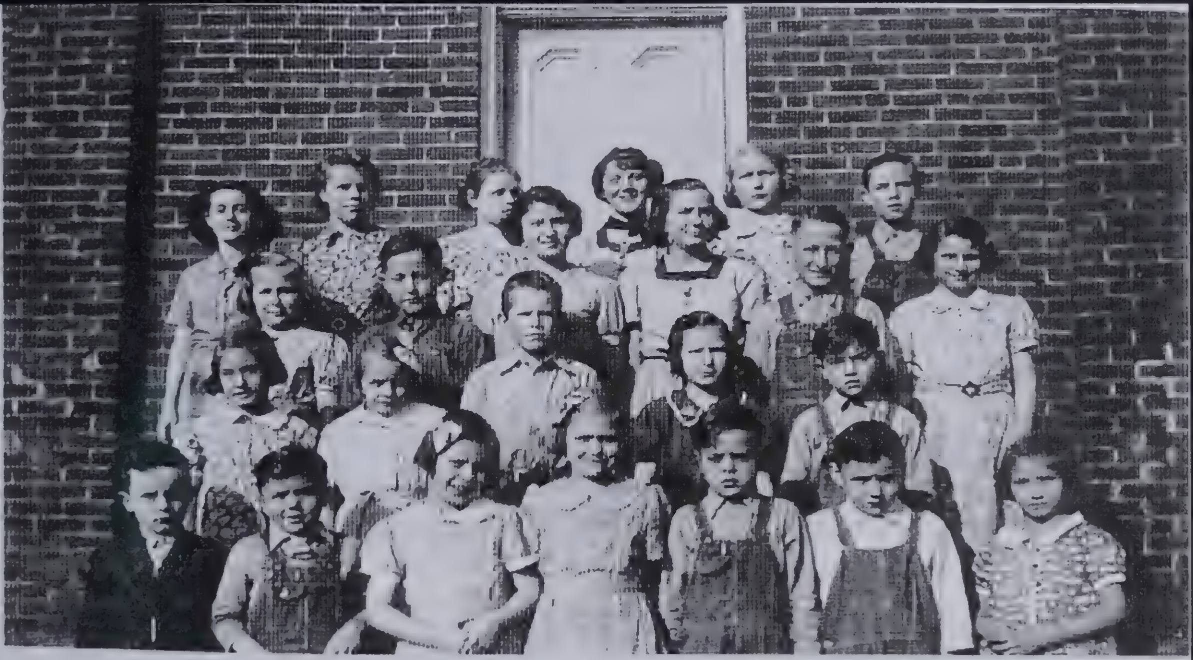
Taylors Corners School, 1932-1933

ROW 1: Carl Ellert, Celestine Bender, Wayne Frakes, Richard Frakes, Helen Bowman, Bernadine Newcomer, Ruth Imm, Bertha Porter, Donald Myers, Andrea Porter, Ruth Musser, Mabel Newcomer, Donald Imm

ROW 2: ________ Warner, Anthony Szeman, Jack Houser, Daryl Ford, Chester Porter, Leo Bucks, Luella Overholt, Marie Bucks, Georgia Musser, Edward Buchs, Gilbert Ellert, Harold Ellert

ROW 3: Dayton Lockwood, James Ellert, Maxine Houser, Esther Porter, Maxine Strater, Virginia Warner, Alvada LaRowe, (teacher), Nina Musser, Vera Musser, Paul Szeman, Herman Ellert, Clayton Ellert

# Taylors Corner's School
1938-1939



Taylors Corner 1938-1939

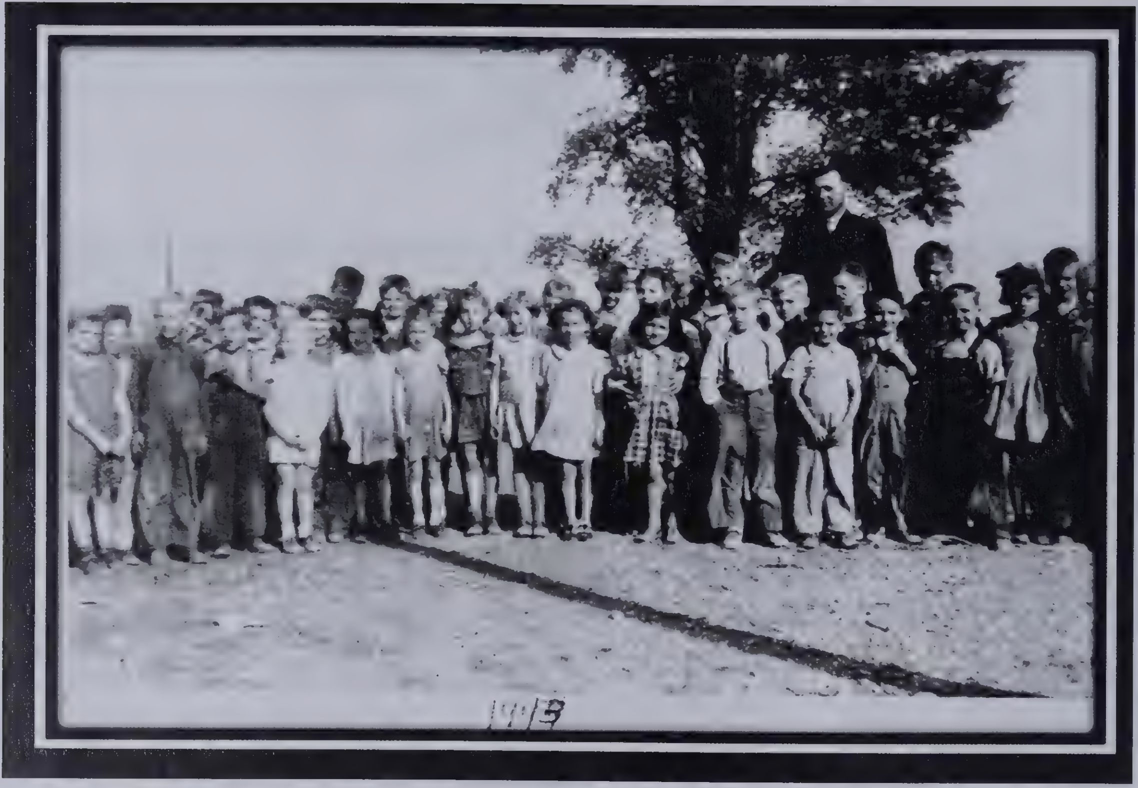
ROW 1: Paul Newcomer, Lavon Bender, Pauline Newcomer, Rita Bender, Loren Bowers, Arnold Musser, Priscilla Myers

ROW 2: Alice Marie Myers, Barbara Newcomer, Rex Dangler, Velma Musser, Leon bowers,

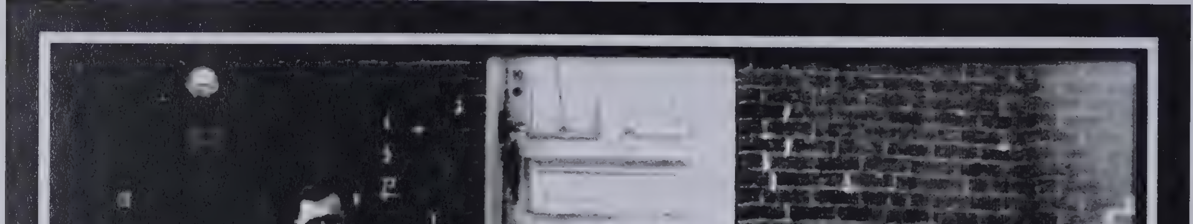
ROW 3; Devota Bender, Aloysius Siebenaler, Mabel Newcomer, Wava Musser, Dean Ford, Lois Newcomer

ROW 4: Donna ___________, Immogene Dangler, Bernadine Newcomer, Ruth Musser, Celestine Bender, Donald __________

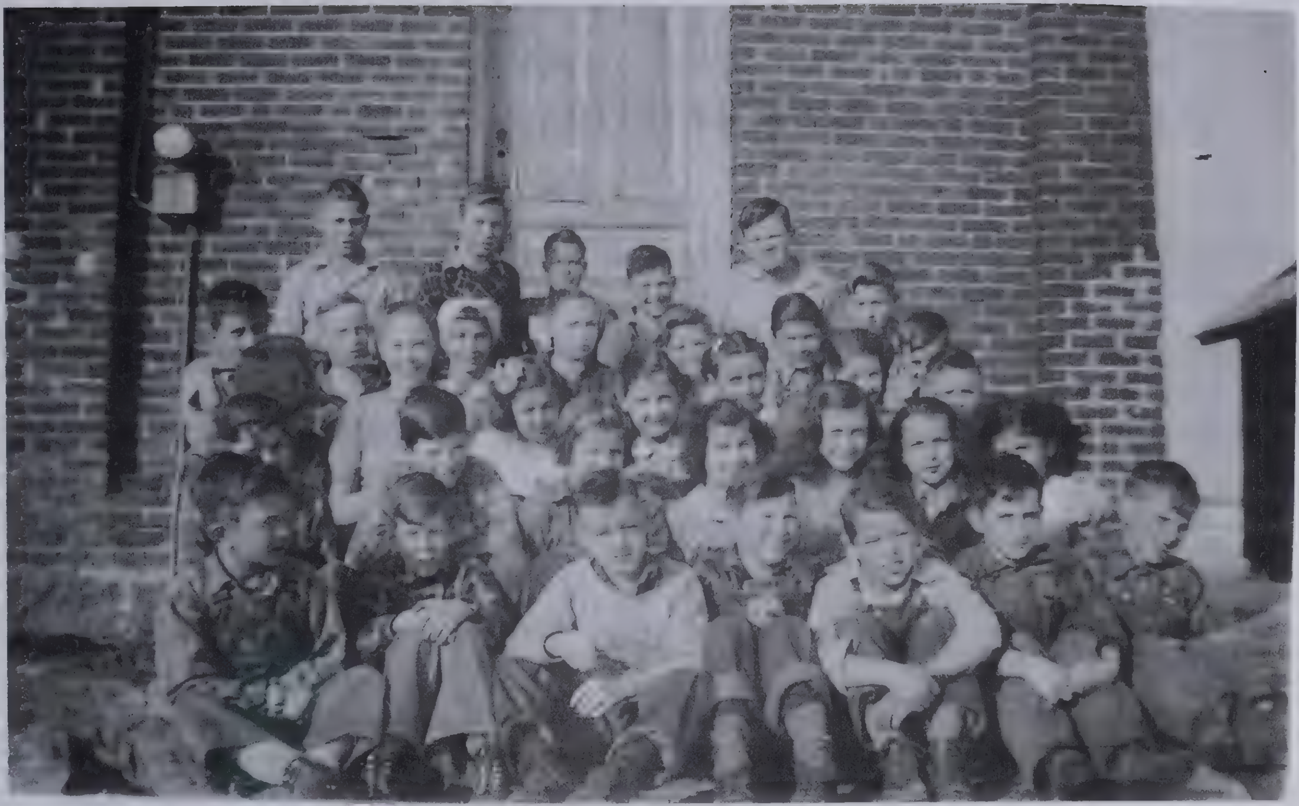
Not pictured: Gale Wynkoop (teacher)



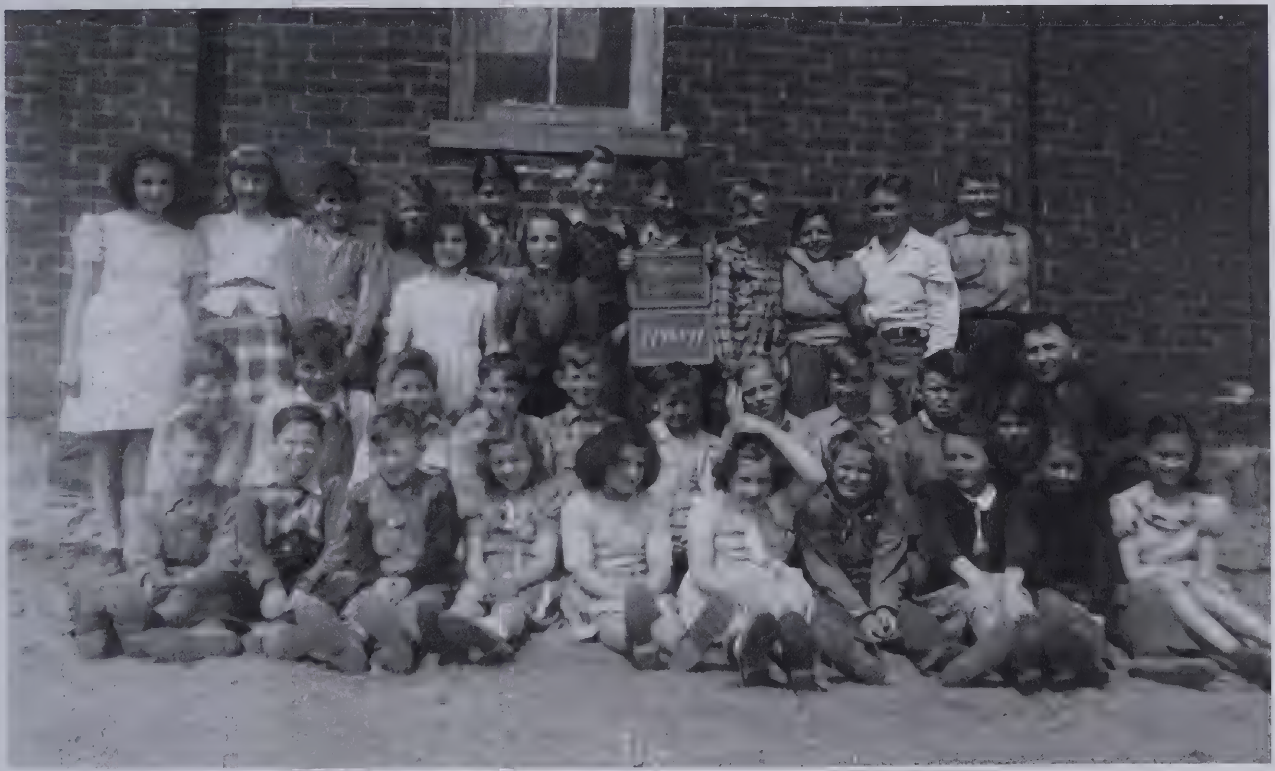
Taylors Corner's School 1943



Taylors Corner's School 1944

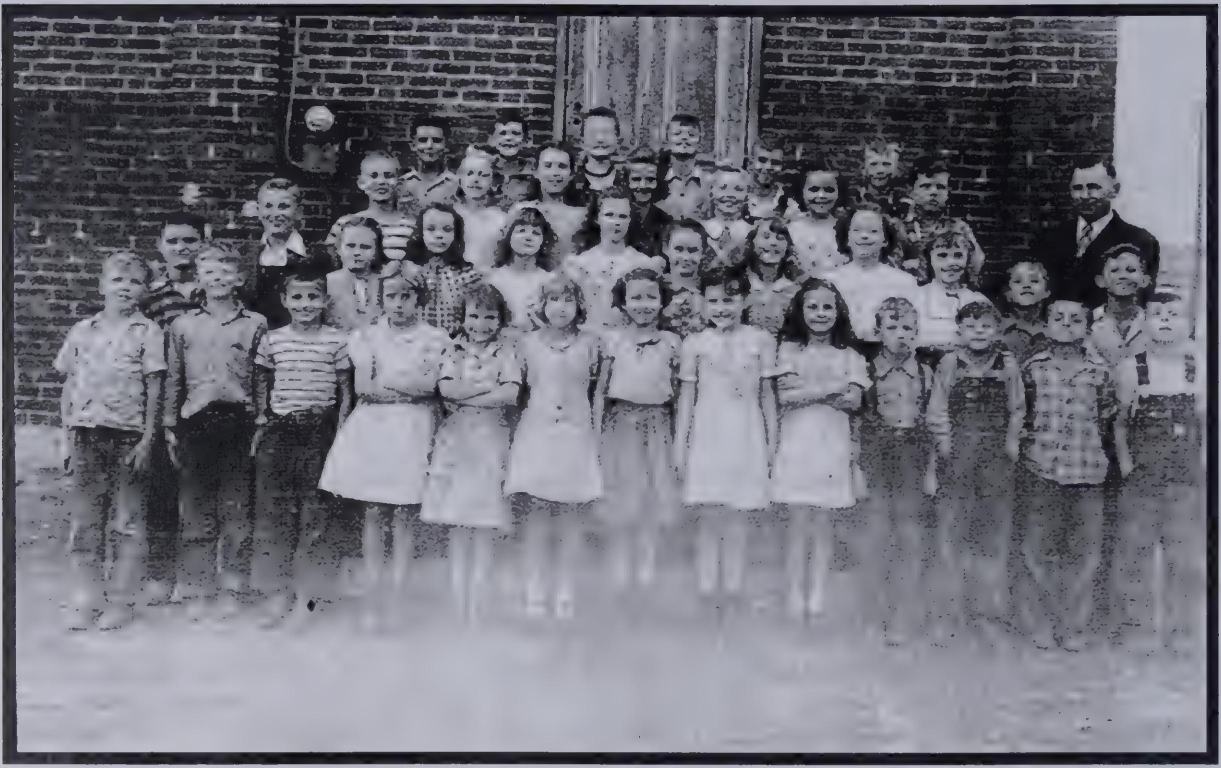


Taylors Corners School year ?



Taylors Corner's School 1946-1947
Teacher—Orlie Willennar

# Taylors Corner's School
# 1948-1949



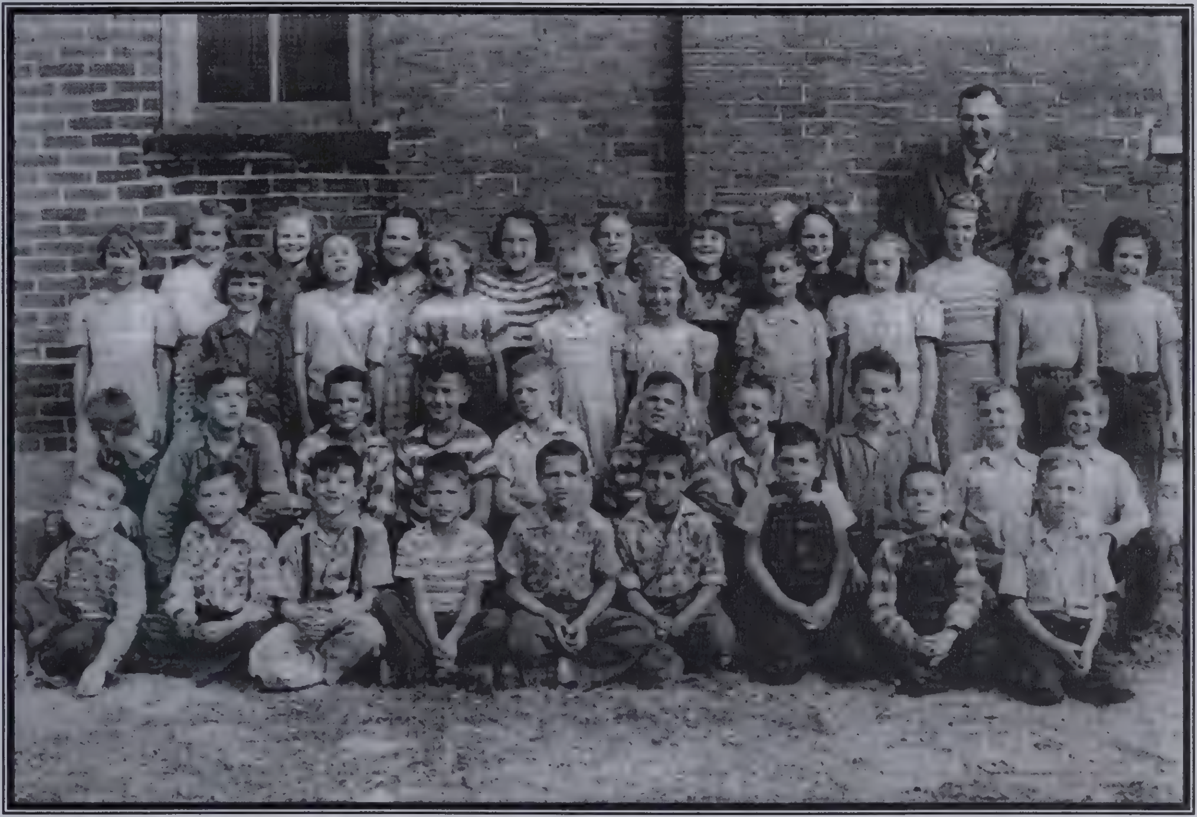
Row 1: Devier Weicht, Donald Gurtner, George King, Rita McConnell, Jeanette David, Marceil Shafer, Sonya Alexander, Janet Magginnis, Shirley Shull, Lyle Holman, Richard Badman, Lyle Bowers, Roger Clerk

Row 2: Roger Fackler, Paul Trubey, Roberta Baxter, Elizabeth Lautzenhiser, Margaret Jacob, Ruth Presley, Laura Jean Wagner, Nora Shafer, Rosalie Farmer, Allen Bowers, Edwin Shull

Row 3: John King, Janice Jacobs, Dora Shafer, Laura Lee VanWye, Rita Willennar, Eleanor Beard, Gerald McConnell, teacher, Orlie Willennar.

Row 4: Jack Badman, Max Reinig, John Durst, Max Trubey, Richard Getts, Wayne Hamman

# Taylors Corner's School
## 1949-1950



Taylors Corners School, 1949-1950

Row 1: Larry Cramer, Richard Badman, Paul Holman, George King, Devier Weicht, Lyle Bowers, Roger Clark, Jerry Hamman, Lyle Holman.

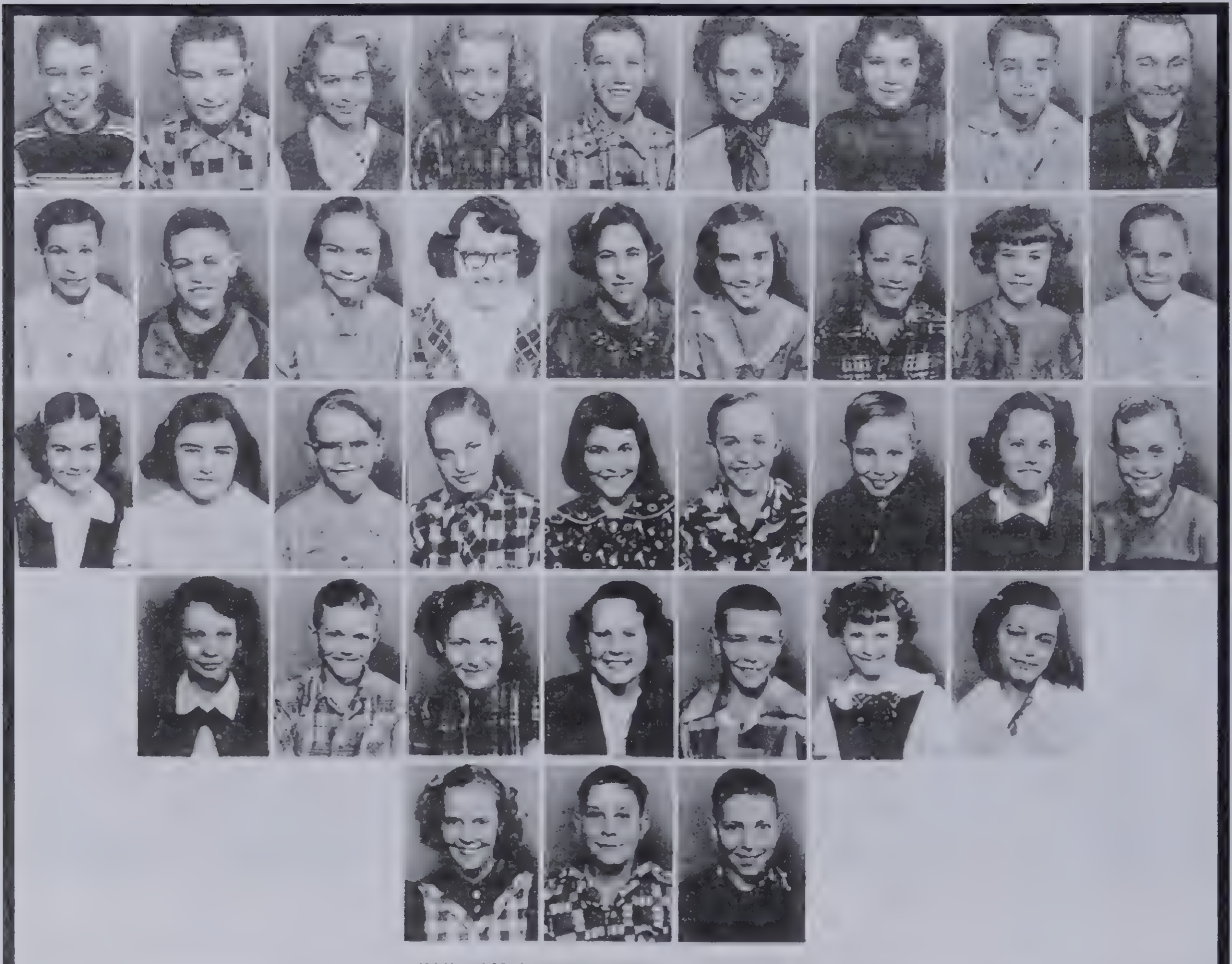
Row 2: Richard Getts, Gerald McCommell, Jack Badman, Edwin Shull, Donald Gurtner, Max Trubey, Max Reinig, John Durst, Mark Trubey, Bernard Rickman

Row 3: Jeanette David, Shirley Shull, Elaine Harrold, Carolyn Getts, Gloria Miser, Diana Weicht, Roberta Baxter,

Row 4: Marceil Shafer, Rosalie Farmer, Imogene Presley, Janet Magginnis, Lila Jean Kandel, Nora Shafer, Margaret Jacobs, Laura Lee Wagner, Laura Lee VanWye, Rita McConnell, Marilyn Durst.

Row 5: Orlie Willennar, teacher

# Taylors Corner's School
## 1951-1952



TAYLOR'S CORNERS SCHOOL - 1951-1952

Row 1; Johnny Lautzenhiser, John Durst, Carolyn Getts, Gloria Miser, Paul Houlton, Doris Lee, Donna Williamson, Lyle Bowers, Raymond Rensch, teacher

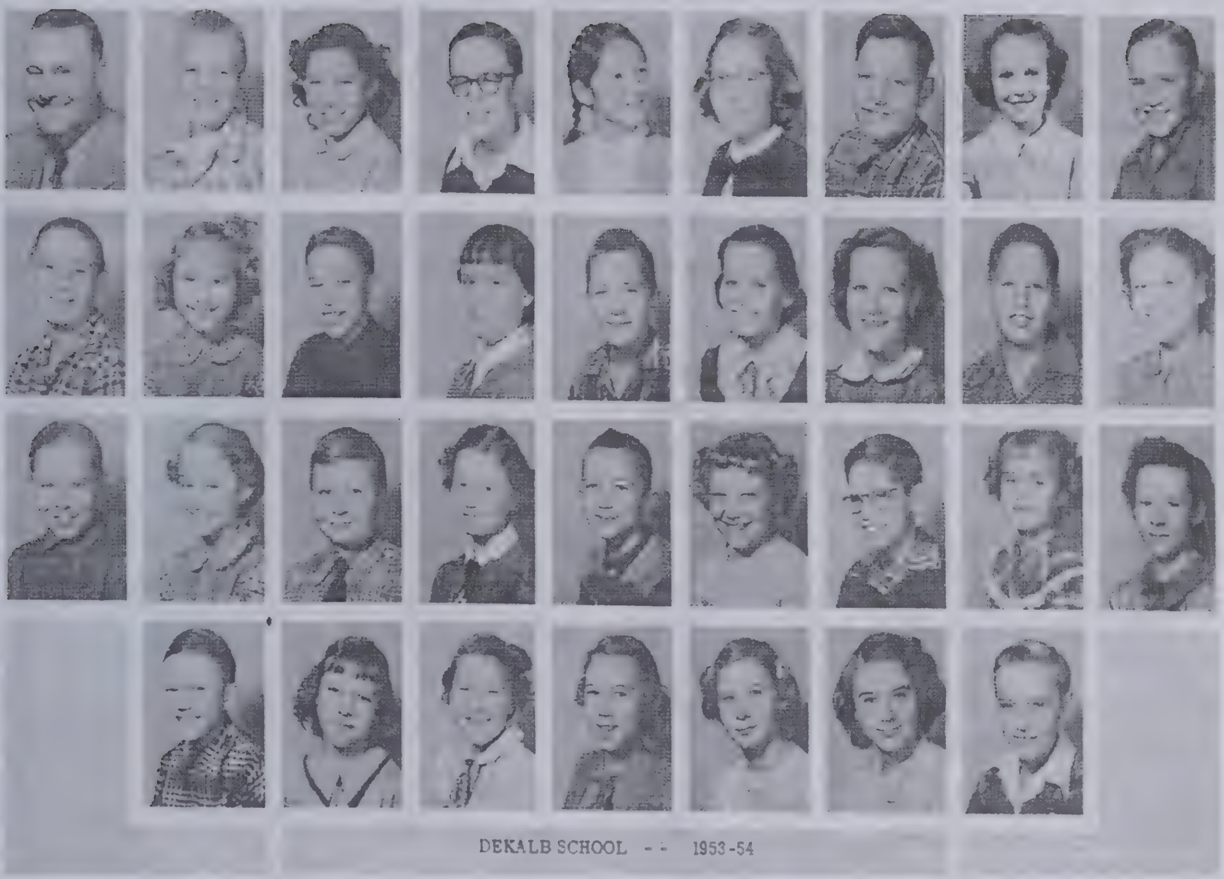
Row 2: Richard Badman, Cloyce Baxter, Jeanette David, Lila Kandel, Marcele Shafer, Rosalie Farmer, Lyle Holman, Kay Shafer, Jerry Hamman

Row 3; Patricia Getts, Marilyn Durst, Larry Cramer, Mark Trubey, Diana Weicht, Bill Farmer, Leslie Nelson, Carolyn Ball, Harold Baxter

Row 4: Patsy White, Larry Gurtner, Betty Shultz, Janet Magginis, DeVier Weicht, Lynn Alexander, Mary Everhart

Row 5: Rita MccConnell, Roger Clark, Bernard Rickman

# Taylors Corner's School
# 1953-1954



Row 1: Raymond Rensch, teacher, Charles Presley, Mary Weicht, Cloyce Baxter, Deanna Shull, Betty Shultz, Marvin McConnell, Linda White, Bill Farmer

Row 2: Paul Strater, Helen Getts, Lewis Vose, Carol Goller, ________, Joyce Williamson, Bonita Gorsuch, Douglas Chipman, Iris Trubey

Row 3: Leslie Nelson, Ellen Getts, Leonard Royal, Janet Rollins, _________, Leora Lower, Jerry Creager, Ann Lee, Lynn Alexander

Row 4: Larry Gurtner, Ann Alexander, Donna Weicht, Kay Shafer, Betty Vose, Patricia Getts, Harold Baxter

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Helen Morse

I went to Taylors Corner for one and one-half years. I walked one and one-half miles to school with a neighbor boy and he would kick mud on me when took a shortcut through the fields. When it turned real cold my Dad got out the grain wagon and horse and drove me to school. If there was snow on the ground he would cover me up and use the bobsled to take me to school.

I live next to the Frakes family and if their grandmother saw me walking through puddles on the way to school she would yell at me and tell me my mother wouldn't like it.

The Taylors Corner school was a one-room school with a small hall to hang coats. We had a bucket with water and one cup that all students shared. There was one outhouse with two seats

Mr. Orlie Willennar—Teacher
1943—1946

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# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By: Celestine (Sally Bender) Trapp

I just had a seat to set on in first grade, no desk. Arnold Fee was my teacher. Alvada LaRowe was my teacher for the second, third, and fourth grades. Mildred Wagner was my fifth and sixth grade teacher. I was the only fifth grader. Gail Wynkoop taught my seventh and eighth grade classes.

We had no lights, no water, and a big stove in the school. We got our water from Dan Ellert's farm and each had our own cup. We had outhouses, which were tipped over on Halloween. The teacher started the fire each morning. She used coal in the stove.

I wanted to get perfect attendance in the fifth grade. One morning it was 16 below zero and my mom walked me to school. When we arrived at the school we found out the school was closed that day.

We didn't have any music classes until the seventh grade when a music teacher came in. We had Halloween parties at school and everyone would dress up. I always wanted to go as a bride. We played games.

At Christmas time we would partition off a stage and put on plays for our parents. During school hours we got an orange and had a gift exchange. For Valentines Day we would draw names. Most students made their valentines but it was special if you received a store bought card.

We would have spelling contests on dark, stormy days,

I carried my lunch to school. I usually had homemade bread with butter and jelly. On Friday, I had fried egg sandwiches. Sometimes I would have a butter and maple syrup sandwich. I also had fruit and cake or cookies.

I walked 1 and 1/10 miles to school. When I was in the first grade I hurried to get by Bob Bower's place because he drove to Waterloo to school and would give me a ride to Taylor's Corner.

My Dad would usually pick me upon bad days. One fall day it was raining. I had a raincoat but was crying because my dad didn't come that day. He was shucking corn.

My mother made my clothes. My first day of school I wore a pink

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gingham dress. That winter I had 2 dresses. One was a navy blue wool with a plaid collar and cuffs. The other one was all plaid wool. I wore one dress one week and the other one the next week. I always changed clothes after school. My grandmother knitted mittens for me.

We played hop scotch on the steps in front of the school door. When we reached the end of the steps we would jump off. We also played Andy-I-Over, pump-pump pull away, and stink base. We had ball teams in the fall and went to other schools to play.

During the first grade, I would wait until Carl, Jim, and Clayton Ellert and Paul Szeman were quite a ways from school before I would start home because they always threatened to throw me in the horse tank.

We had wax crayons. I always liked to borrow from Dayton Lockwood because his box had a pink crayon.

When it was time for a class to recite, the students would sit on a bench in front of the teacher's desk.

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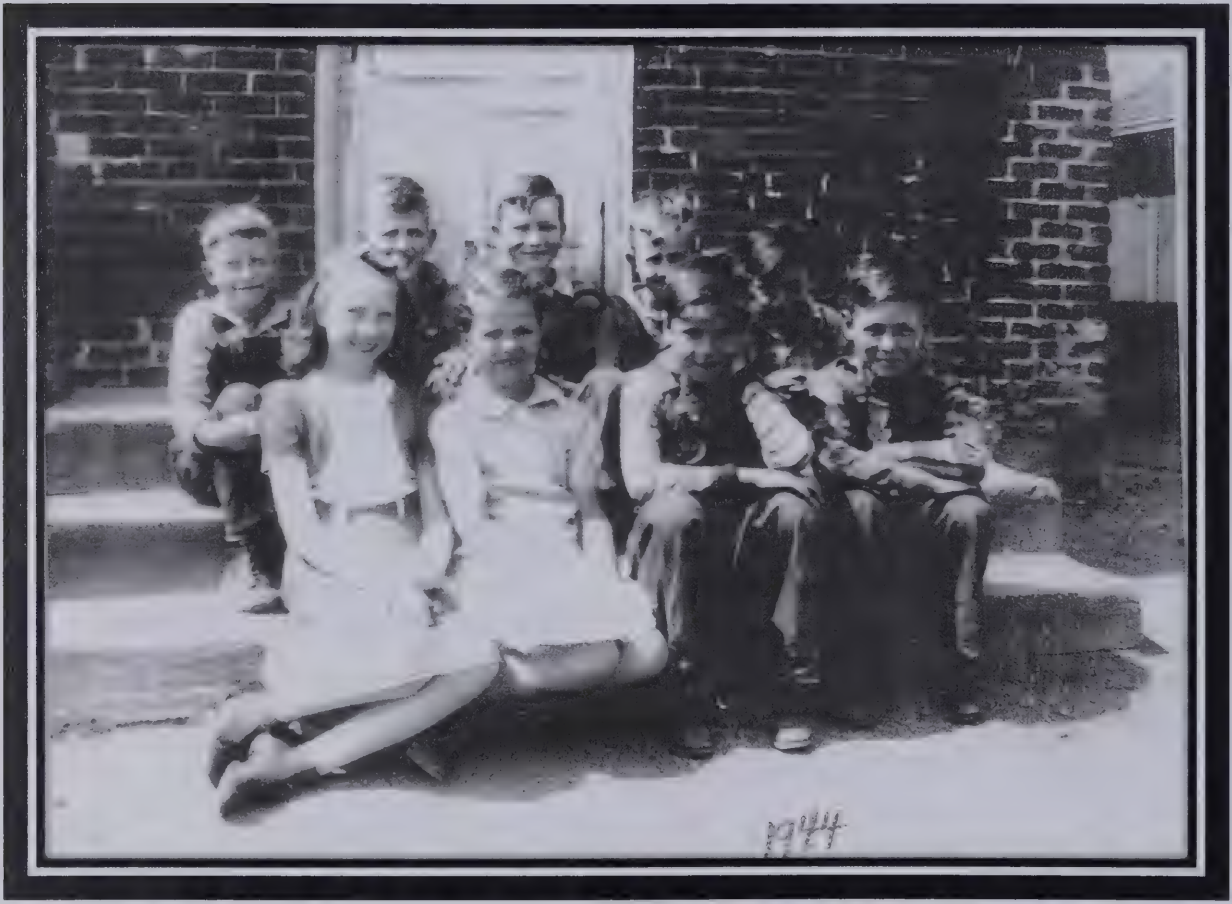

Taylors Corners #4 Year ?

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By: Betty Blanchard Quesinberry

My favorite part of school was being with my friends.

At recess we played softball, I've never forgot when the ball hit me in the nose and it bled and I had to go home. We loved it when at Taylor's Corner we got a head start on math in 5th and 6th grade. I got to and from school by bus.

The most important day at school was when it was the last day and we passed to the next grade.

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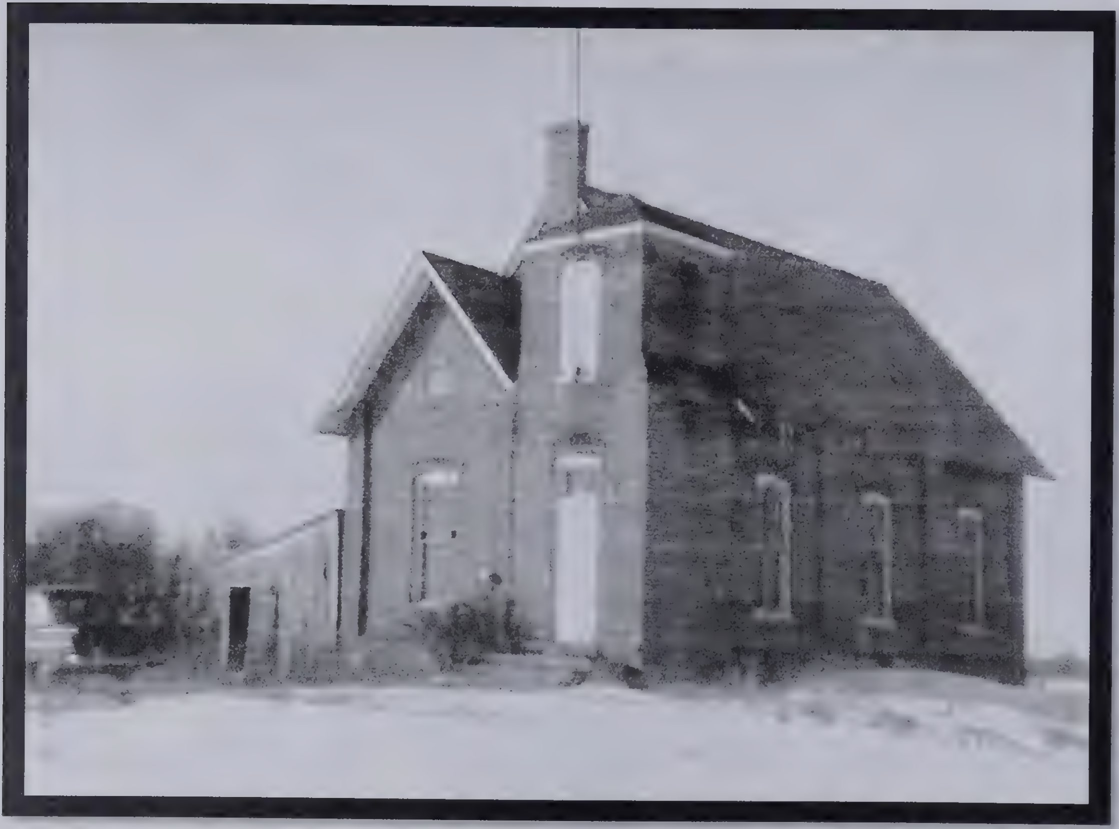
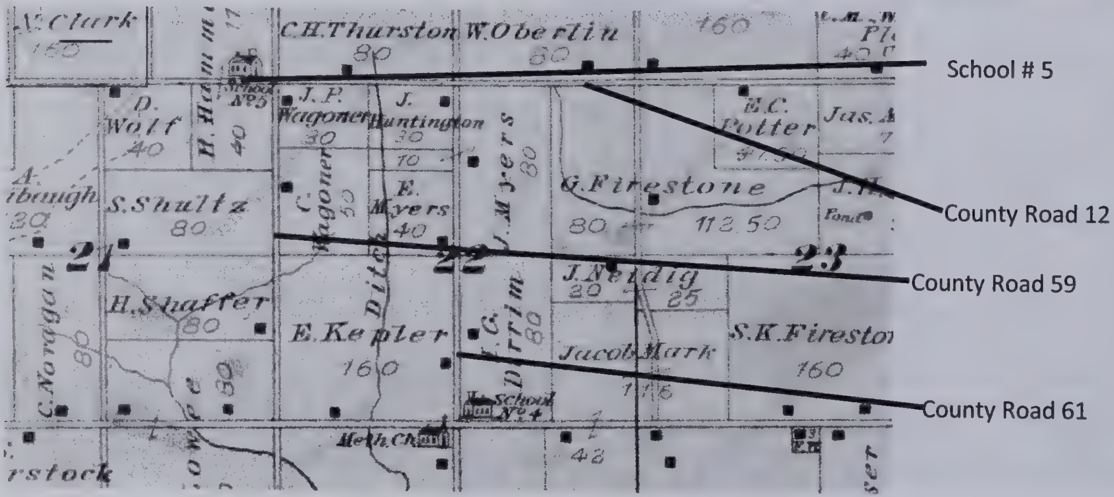
TWP. SCHOOLS DEKALB CO.

Don Kaufman boards the bus and says good bye to his faithful dog.

# Franklin Center School

## Number 5 School
## northwest corner of County Road 12 and County Road 59

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W.Oberlin
School No5
J.P. Wagoner
J. Huntington
D. Wolf
H. Hamm
E.C. Potter
G.Firestone
S.Shultz
E. Myers
J. Myers
C. Wagoner
21
22
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J.Neidig
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E.Kepler
Jacob Mark
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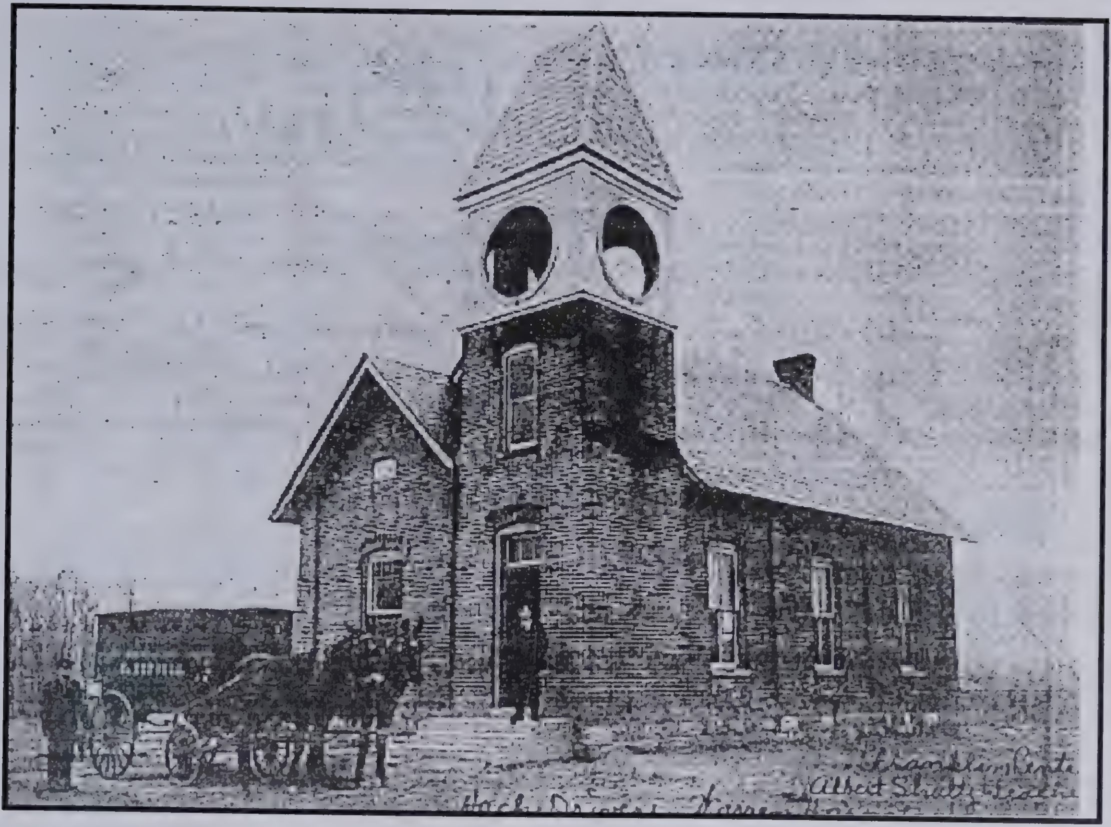
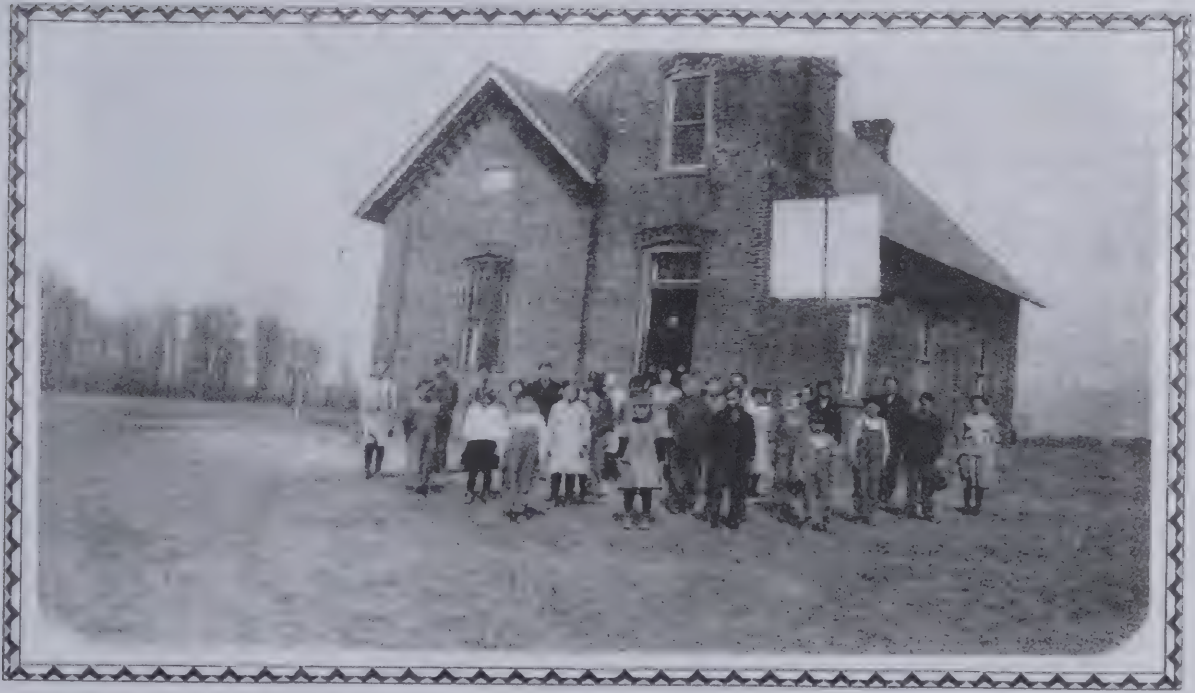
C.Noraggan
School No4
Meth.Ch.

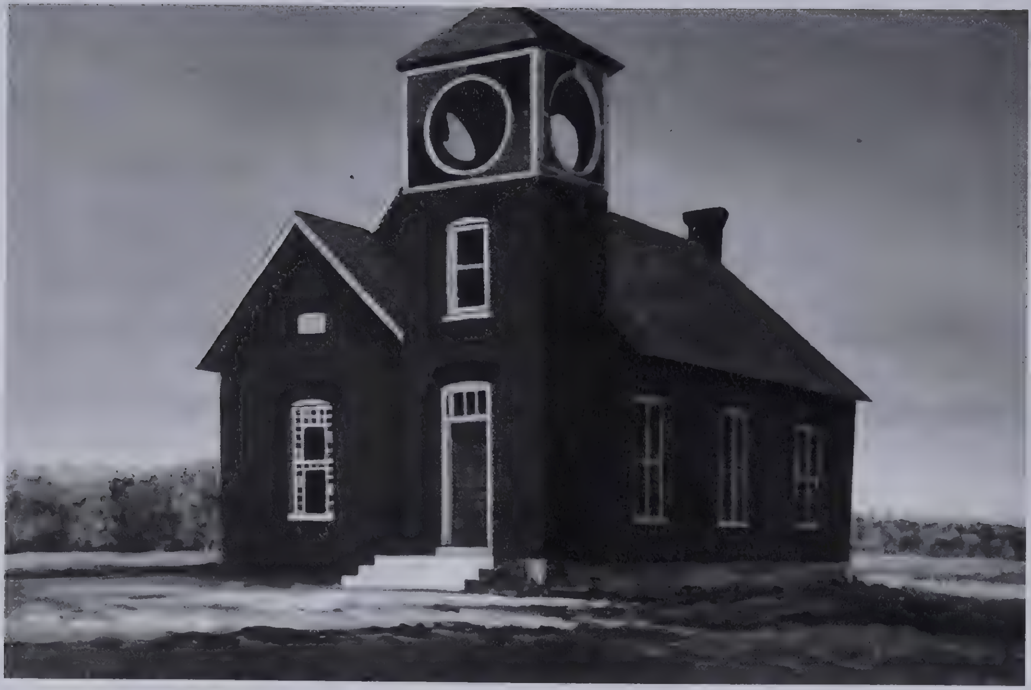
1880 map of Franklin Township showing No. 5 school.


Franklin Cente
Albert Shultz teach
Hack Driver Warren

Teacher—Albert Shultz
Hack driver—Warren ————-



Franklin Center, Franklin Township District No. 5
Orlie Fee (teacher)
Year unknown



Franklin Center School - Lyle Holman
Opened 1892
Closed 1959

Corner store from the Franklin Center School,
now the home of Lyle Holman
Franklin Township District No. 5

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
January 8, 1874

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Pursuant to notice given by Mr. Waterman, trustee of Franklin township, the teachers met at school house No. 5 on Saturday, January 3rd, 1874.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Waterman, J. S. Jackman was appointed President, Richard Baxter Vice President and Miss Jose Ghett Secretary. J. W. McCurdy, R. Sawvel and Wm. Dirrim were appointed to act as executive committee. Their duties being to prepare a programmae and assign exercises to the different pupils.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
September 26, 1878

Judge Best, and others will speak the people of Franklin township Saturday eve, Oct. 5th, at the Center

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 12, 1878

A teachers' institute will be held at Franklin Center by Prof. Barns tomorrow and Saturday

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Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 5:** The house a frame in good repair. Site small, no platform before door. No enclosure and wood scattered over the ground. Six windows, 24 panes each. New proper curtains. Seats central, long and old-fashioned. Old maps, new chart a writing display along the walls, Good clock on a shelf. Apparatus seem to have been well preserved. Roll 16, ___ 15, very creditable. Order is excellent. Good reading. Anna Dirtran teacher, unquestionably capable. Read well, teachers inflection. _____ aim here, Arithmetic blind work, 5/9 divide by $\frac{3}{4}$ = 5/9 x 5/4 = 20/27, What must we do? Change term of the divisor, cannot cancel, multiply dividend by terms of fraction. Do you understand? Yes, Well! Now take so much next lesson. Sent to board to put in practice. Taught method only. It requires patience and effort not only to do blind work and ___ ___ but to find some point to which may be attracted a commendation. From this view the teacher deserves genuine respect for courage and practical sympathy for her efforts. Teachers generally do the best they can, they need instruction.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

**No. 5:**

Jan. 13, Charles Jackman, Grade 6. I confess to a feeling of disappointment on entering the room. It is a skeleton school, a _____ of past fullness. Jackman showed ability and interest. 11 children compose the school. All there are doing their duty. The teacher reads well and to this devotes much time. Children are noisy and rude to one another at recess and play in the room.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 16, 1888

District No. 5, Franklin township:

Number enrolled at the end of the month 32; average daily attendance 29. Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy for the month ending Dec. 21, 1888, Almeda Oster, Inice Lowe, Hattie Firestone, Gilbert Huntington, Charles Alwood, Johny Oster, Andy Myers, Johny Clark, Frank Alwood, Amanda Myers, Ada Alwood, Elsie Oster, Truman Clark, Carrie Brown, Jimmie Firestone and Ada Alwood

Bertha Huyck Teacher

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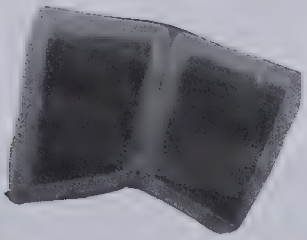
Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 24, 1889

District No. 5, Franklin township: Number of pupils enrolled at the end of the month 29; average daily attendance, 27. Names of those neither absent nor tardy for the month ending Jan. 18, 1889. Julie Lowe, Hattie Firestone, Gilbert Huntington, Johnny Clark, Andy Myers, Johnny Oster, Frank Alwood, Theadore Ebel, Bertie Noragon, Ada Alwood, Cora Noragon, Amanda Myers, Johnny Wagoner, Freeman Clark, Elmer Lowe, Charlie Wager, Jimmie Firestone and Ida Alwood. Names of those tardy or absent but once: Almeda Ostger, Emery Noragon, Elsie Oster, Adrain Noragon and Genie Wagoner. Great credit is due the pupils for their punctuality. Patrons of the school are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Bertha Huyck Teacher

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
November 30, 1893

The new and beautiful slate roofed brick school building at Franklin Center was destroyed by fire last Saturday. The teachers of the township had gathered to hold an institute, and had just called the meeting to order, about 11 am., when one of their number discovered that the house was on fire between the ceiling and the roof. They made a brave fight to save the building, but their efforts proved futile. They next directed their efforts towards saving the furniture, which they succeeded in removing almost entirely, even to doors, windows and bell, but some of it was saved in a somewhat damaged condition. The cause of the fire is unknown, but is almost sure to be the result of the faulty construction of chimneys and woodwork that was near to them. The house was erected in 1892 at a cost of over seventeen hundred dollars, and was perhaps the finest district school building in the county. Mr. Whetsel, the township trustee, carried $1300 insurance in the J. A. Campbell's agency, which will be a material help towards replacing it.



Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
December 7, 1893

The loss of her finest school house by fire, will be severely felt by Franklin township. The Center house was new and one of the best in the county. By the foresight of Trustee Whetsel it was insured but there can be no school at the Center this year

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 2, 1894

Shannon Shultz and Wm. Ball have the contract for rebuilding the Franklin Center school house which burned down a few months ago.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
June 1, 1894

College Corners

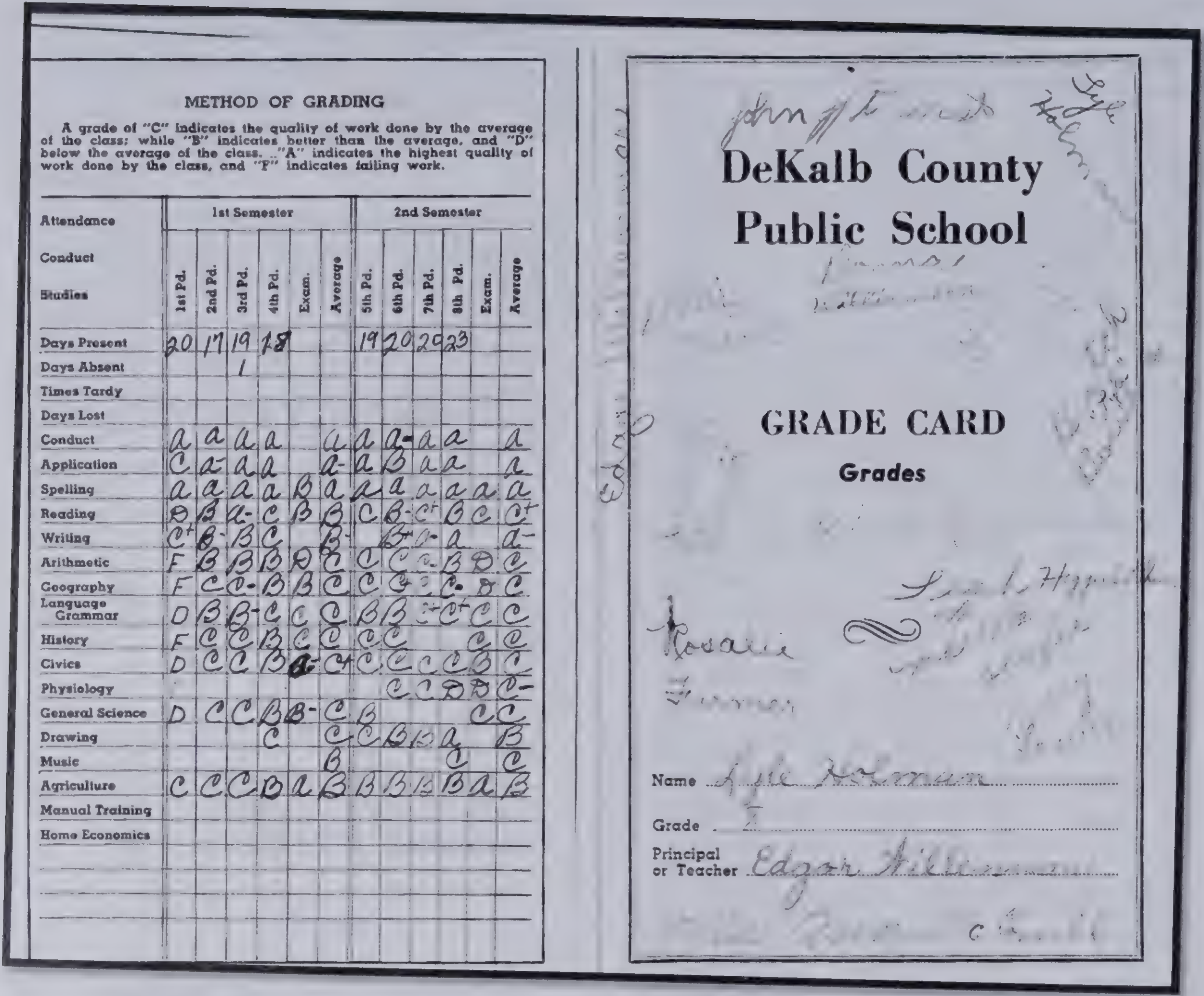
Work is progressing finely at the Center school house under the management of Shultz and Ball.

Butler Record, Butler Indiana
August 10, 1894

Shultz & Ball have finished the Franklin Center school house and it is reported to be one of the finest in the country.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 17, 1894

The public school graduates from Franklin township will give an entertainment at Memorial Chapel next Thursday evening Aug. 23rd



METHOD OF GRADING

A grade of "C" indicates the quality of work done by the average of the class; while "B" indicates better than the average, and "D" below the average of the class. "A" indicates the highest quality of work done by the class, and "F" indicates failing work.

| Attendance<br>Conduct<br>Studies | 1st Semester | | | | | | 2nd Semester | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st Pd. | 2nd Pd. | 3rd Pd. | 4th Pd. | Exam. | Average | 5th Pd. | 6th Pd. | 7th Pd. | 8th Pd. | Exam. | Average |
| Days Present | 20 | 17 | 19 | 18 | | | 19 | 20 | 29 | 23 | | |
| Days Absent | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Times Tardy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days Lost | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conduct | A | A | A | A | | A | A | A- | A | A | | A |
| Application | C | A- | A | A | | A- | A | B | A | A | | A |
| Spelling | A | A | A | A | B | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Reading | D | B | A- | C | B | B | C | B- | C+ | B | C | C+ |
| Writing | C+ | B- | B | C | | B- | | B+ | A- | A | | A- |
| Arithmetic | F | B | B | B | D | C | C | C | C- | B | D | C |
| Geography | F | C | C- | B | B | C | C | C+ | C | C- | D | C |
| Language Grammar | D | B | B- | C | C | C | B | B | C+ | C+ | C | C |
| History | F | C | C | B | C | C | C | C | | | C | C |
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| Physiology | | | | | | | | C | C | D | D | C- |
| General Science | D | C | C | B | B- | C | B | | | | C | C |
| Drawing | | | | C | | C | C | B | B | A | | B |
| Music | | | | | | B | | | | C | | C |
| Agriculture | C | C | C | B | A | B | B | B | B | B | A | B |
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Lyle Holman

# DeKalb County Public School

# GRADE CARD

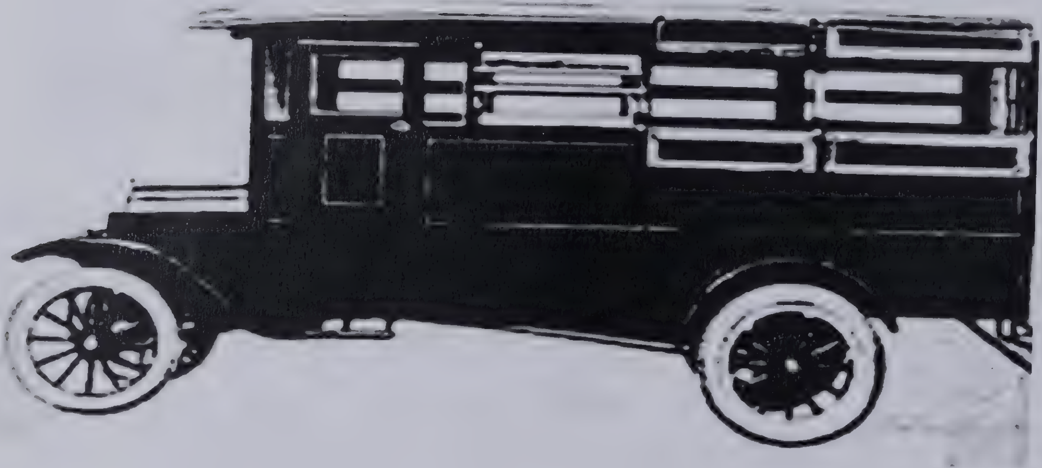
**Grades**

Rosalie Farmer

Name Lyle Holman

Grade 7

Principal or Teacher Edgar Williams



Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1896

School commenced at Franklin Center Monday with Albert Schultz as teacher.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 6, 1896

Franklin Center

We think Albert Shultz must exercise lots of patience to clean and sweep after those political meetings held at the Center, night after night.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 25, 1896

Franklin Center

Rev. Yager visited the Center school last Friday, also No. 4 school Teacher's institute was held at Franklin Center last Saturday

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 1, 1897

Franklin Center

Oliver Oberlin and family are nicely settled in this vicinity, and his children will be ready to go to school at the Center after vacation.

This is a picture of the Alexander children, Alan, Lynn, Ann and Sonya, as they were getting ready to board the bus on the first day of school. They attended Jerusalem, Taylor's Corners and Franklin Center schools. Elmer and Millie Gaff were their bus drivers. At this time boys sat on one side of the bus and girls sat on the opposite side.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 13, 1898

Entertainment

Friday evening, May 6th, will be long remembered by the good people, old and young, of Franklin center, as one of the most pleasant social occasions of the season just closed. The entertainment was given to their friends, by the Franklin Literary Society, at the commodious farm-house of Mr. ad Mrs. R. Murch, and marked the close of the labors of that society for the present term.

At an early hour in the evening, all available space in the house was occupied by as social and pleasant gathering of people, as any one would wish to meet. The program consisted of music, recitations, report of historian of the society, and an address by Rev. J. M. Dustman. At the close of the literary exercises, light refreshments were served, and at a late hour the happy guests returned to their homes, delighted with the evenings entertainment. By actual count, 125 persons were present, and no similar gathering was ever more handsomely entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Murch know how to entertain, and every guest knew how to appreciate their kindness.

To Mrs. Murch is largely due the existence and success of society. Her tireless energy has led it from the uncertainties of an experiment, into the permanence of an established success, and with the cooperation of the teachers, and young people of the township, excellent results may be expected in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Murch are the recipient of the thanks of their many guests, for the kind and hospitable entertainment they received, and all departed with a desire to repeat in in the future.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 21, 1898

Miss Winnie Shultz, the popular teacher of Franklin Center, stopped over night with the Murch family one night last week. She also visited with her pupils and was having a very pleasant time.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 2, 1898

Franklin Center

Warren Murch was very much surprised last Monday evening, Nov. 21. On returning home from school he found an extra supper prepared for him in honor of his 13th birthday. On turning over his plate he discovered at once he had been kindly remembered by his teacher and parents.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 16, 1898

Franklin Center

Miss Winifred Shultz and Mrs. H. Murch and son Warren attended the District School play at Butler Tuesday evening.

The teacher at the Center stopped Monday and Tuesday night with the Murch family.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 5

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|---|---|
| October 27, 1898<br>Chas. Imhoff,<br>mowing yard, cleaning school house<br>No. 5 and other work | 4.50 |
| December 7, 1898<br>Fred Jones, t<br>en cords wood at school house<br>No. 5 | 7.30 |
| February 23, 1899<br>Fred Case<br>5 cords wood school house<br>No. 5 | 5.75 |
| March 7, 1899<br>G. F. Gengnagel,<br>stove for school house No. 5 and other<br>school supplies | 10.35 |
| April 14, 1899<br>Winifred I. Shultz,<br>attending tp institute. | 11.20 |
| October 28, 1898<br>Winifred Shultz<br>teaching No 5 | 25.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>Winifred Shultz<br>teaching No 5 | 189.00 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 15, 1899

J. A. Lautzenheiser **will be the teacher at Franklin** Center this coming year.

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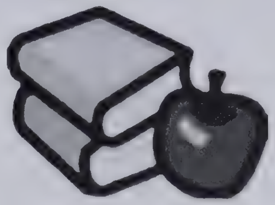
Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 22, 1899

John Lautzenheiser the popular teacher of Franklin township, made a pleasant call on the Murch family last Saturday.



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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 6, 1899

Franklin Center

Teacher's institute held at Franklin Center last Saturday with good attendance.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 27, 1899

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of District No 5, Franklin Center for the month ending Oct.13, 1899

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|---|---|
| Number of pupils enrolled | 23 |
| Percent of attendance | 97 |
| Total cases of tardiness | 3 |

Those who were neither tardy nor absent are Ethel Huntington, Burr Imhof, Jno. Imhof, Prudence Firestone, Nellie Huntington, Mabel Fifer, Emit Imhof, Dessie Wolf, Mary Wolf, Mary Rohm, Mina Meyers, Annie Fifer.

Those who neither tardy or absent but once are Warren Myres, Lloyd Beard, Ford Beard, Grace Murch, Warren Harpster.

J. A. Lautzenheiser, Teacher

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 3, 1899

Franklin Center

The Truant officer visited the Center school last Thursday.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 10, 1899

Franklin Center

The teachers and scholars observed Arbor day at the Center if it was stormy.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 17, 1899

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of school Dist. No. 5 of Franklin Center, for the month ending Nov. 10, 1899.

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|---|---|
| Number of pupils enrolled | 24 |
| Average daily attendance | 23 |
| Percent of attendance | 96 |

Names of pupils who were neither absent nor tardy are Ethel Huntington, Burr Imhof, John Imhof, Prudence Firestone, Nellie Huntington, Warren Murch, Olive Fifer, Mabel Fifter, Mabel Murch, Emit Imhof, Grace Murch, Mary Wolf, Mary Rohm, Mina Myers and Anna Fifer.

Names of those who were neither tardy nor absent but once are Dean Wolf, Lloyd Beard, Ford Beard and Warren Harpster.

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|---|---|
| Total cases tardiness | 4 |
| Total cases absence | 16 |

J. A. Lautzenheiser, Teacher

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 15. 1899

Franklin Center

Roy and Ottman Waterman are attending school at Waterloo. They speak highly of the new school and its new laws recently adopted.

John Taylor is attending school at Valparaiso.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 15, 1900

The teachers of Franklin held a very interesting institute at Franklin Center Saturday, the last one for the year. C. P. Hamman, formerly a teacher of this place but who at present teaches in Butler township was present.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1900

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana. J. W. Brown, Township Trustee. Dated Sept. 4, 1900

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|---|---|
| 1899 | |
| Sept. 29 Chas. Imhof,<br>cleaning school house and mowing yard etc No.5 | 2.50 |
| Sept. 29 Chas. Imhof,<br>2towels comb, mirror No. 5 | .63 |
| 1900 | |
| Jan. 8, Chas. Imhof<br>cleaning school house and other repairs No. 5 | 2.75 |
| Jun 11, W. J. Noragon,<br>23 1/2 cds wood school house No. 5 | 21.15 |
| Aug. 28 John Stoy,<br>repairing well at No. 5 | 2.25 |
| Aug 30, M. F. Campbell,<br>Insurance on school house No. 5 | 10.00 |
| 1900 | |
| Apr. 28, J. A. Lautzenheiser<br>teaching No. 5 | 231.00 |
| Apr. 28 J. A. Lautzenheiser<br>attending institute. | 11.55 |

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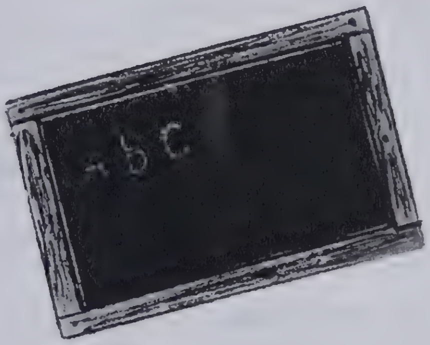
Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1900

Franklin Center

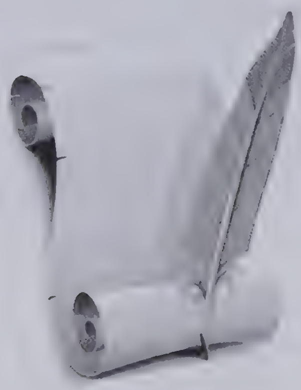
School at the Center is prospering finely under the management o Chas. Crise of St. Joe. There are 25 pupils enrolled. Mr. Crise is boarding at the home of Levi Myers.

Miss Prudence Firestone is attending school at Butler, she is well pleased with the school.. (Prudence was a student at School No. 5)



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 16, 1900

Henry Smith, from Iowa, a former school boy of Franklin Center and a brother to Martin Smith, is here calling on his old time friends. He is a son of Henry Smith who recently died north of town.



Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
April 18, 1901

The Franklin Center school closed last week, Wednesday, and the patrons of the school to the number of thirty-one, met at the school house and with well filled baskets served a dinner to all, including the 23 scholars, and the occasion was a happy surprise to teacher and most of the scholars. The teacher, Mr. Charles O. Krise, had been giving excellent satisfaction for this, his first term at this school and the patrons of the school felt like showing their appreciation in this way to give him a surprise, which was the occasion of a very pleasant meeting of the patrons

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 19, 1901

## A SURPRISE

On the closing day of Charles Krise's school at Franklin Center, Wednesday Apr. 10, the scholars, parents and friends, to the number of thirty-one surprised him by marching in the house with well filed baskets.

The ladies then took possession of the house and the tables were soon laden with chicken, cake, pie and etc.

The kindness was joyfully appreciated by both teacher and pupils.

The afternoon was highly spent in singing and recistations Mr. Krise then made some very encouraging remarks to the children.

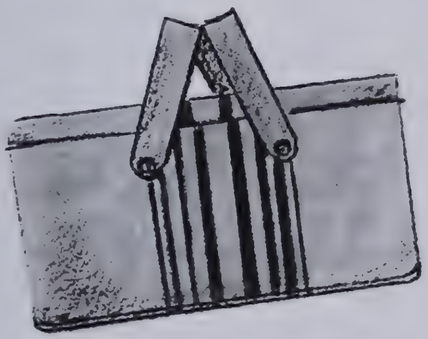
The pupils voted Mr. Krise a successful school teacher and sorry that the school must come to a close. Hoping that they may be blessed with as kind and cheerful a teacher as Mr. Krise.

All parted at about four o'clock feeling that they had had an enjoyable time.

A Pupil

### Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 27, 1901

The graduating exercises for Smithfield and Franklin township, which were to have occurred at Pleasant Hill church Tuesday evening were prevented on account of the storm. The church was nicely decorated and about fifty people were present. Superintendent H. E. Coe consented to deliver the diplomas without the orations. The graduates are Clyde Hamman and Miss Bennett of Smithfield and Mr. Imhoff, Floyd Tinstman and Melvin Opdycke of Franklin



### Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 26, 1902

The graduating exercises of the Franklin Township schools were held at Jerusalem Church last night.

The graduates are: Severnie Wagner, Bell Haverstock, and Maude Snyder.

A good program was arranged for the entertainment of the public. Trustee Lochamier is entitles to credit for this efforts in making the occasion a success.

### Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 16, 1903

School at Franklin Center is closed on account of small pox.

### Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb county Indiana,
Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 21, 1903 | E. S. Lautzenhizer | teaching No. 5 | 40.00 |
| Mar 17 | A. K. McIntosh | 28 1/2 cords wood No 2 & 5 | 41.10 |
| Apr. 21 | E. S. Lautzenhizer | teaching | 154.50 |
| Apr. 21 | E. S. Lautzenhier | Co. & Twp. Institute | ?6.10 |
| Apr. 21 | E. S. Lautzenhizer | supplies | .50 |
| Sept. 15 | Chars. Imhoff, | work No. 3 | 3.00 |
| Sept 24 | M. Baxter | ins. No. 5 three years | 12.00 |
| Oct. 5 | Sam J Stowe, | paper & hanging, same | 13.00 |
| Oct 21 | C. C. Souder, | hauling gravel Dist. 5 | 6.00 |
| Nov. 14 | Vera Bemenderfer | teaching No. 5 | 85.00 |

Trustee's Service Account

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|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1, 1903 | Visiting School No. 5 | 2.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

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|---|---|---|
| Mar 6, 1905 | Culbertson Hardware Co. glass for No. 5 | 1.30 |
| Apr.8 | Vera Bemenderfer, teaching | 177.50 |
| Apr. 8 | Vera Bemenderfer attending institute | 16.62 |
| Nov 23, | Chas, Imhof, cleaning school house No. 5 | 3.00 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 12, 1907

Clarence Murch spent Tuesday night with the Killinger family near the school house.

Clarence Murch attended the teachers institute at Wilmington Center last Saturday.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 8, 1907

Co. Supt. H. E. Coe went to Franklin Center Saturday morning to attend the township institute. He went to Butler by rail and walked the rest of the way a distance of six miles. Mr. Coe is a good walker and prefers that mode of locomotion to driving over winter roads. He often walks fifteen miles in a day.. Dispatch.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 12, 1907

Franklin Center

Saturday, April 6, 1907 was the last day of school at the Center. The paents planned a surprise on the teacher, Albert Shultz, which was successfully carried out. After dinner there was a program carried out by the scholars, at the close of which the teacher said he never taught a school where he had so few absent marks as he had this year, which goes to prove that the pupils were interested in their studies.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 13, 1907

Franklin Center

Our school will begin Monday Sept.16.

Charles Ratts, teacher.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 11, 1907

Franklin Center

The school house caught fire while school was in session Tuesday. The teacher and scholars put it out without much damage being done.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 18, 1908

Franklin Center

School commenced Monday with 35 scholars. Curt Harpster brings the children from the Jerusalem district. A. L. Shultz is the teacher.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 16, 1908

School closed Thursday so that the teacher and pupils could attend the fair at Auburn.

Franklin Center

Ora Lautzenheiser, late of the Philipines visited the school Wednesday and gave a very interesting talk on the customs of the people.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 26, 1908

Franklin Center

School closed Friday, for the holidays. A program was given which was enjoyed by a goodly number of visitors. The school room as nicely decorated for the occasion.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
April 1, 1910

Franklin

School closed at Center Saturday. The scholars received a picture of themselves and the school house.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
March 1, 1911

Franklin

School closes in three weeks, and we are informed that the patrons will serve dinner at the school house on the last day.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 8, 1911

Franklin

School began a week ago Monday at Center with Edson Beard as teacher.

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1911

The Center school gave a good entertainment last Friday afternoon and a nice Christmas tree.

The scholars were treated to peanuts and candy.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
November 14, 1912

Franklin

Ray Imhof, who was hurt while playing basketball, returned to school last Thursday only having to miss two daysl

*Ray Imhof graduated from School No. 5 in June of 1911. He was at Butler High school in 1912

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
November 14, 1912

Franklin

Teacher's Institute was held at Franklin Center, Saturday.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
December 12, 1912

Franklin

Jefferson Waterman and family left Saturday for California. Miss Ethel taught the Center school up to vacation week and another teacher will have to be employed it is thought is she accompanies her parents.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 18, 1914

Franklin

School begins next Monday with Miss Albright of Hamilton as teacher at the Center School.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 17, 1915

Franklin

School began Monday with Miss Albright teacher at Center again. A number of new beginners are enrolled.

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
November 14, 1916

## SCHOOL FAIR A SUCCESS

### Large Attendance at Franklin Township School No. 5 Friday Night ....

Songs, Recitations and dialogues and a Large exhibit of Farm Products Made up in interesting Evening's Entertainment.

The School at district number five in franklin township had their first school fair Friday evening. That it was a success was evident fro the attendance and interest shown Harry Radabaugh is the teacher.

County Agent A. Z Arehart was present and gave a short talk about his work. A program of songs, recitations and dialogues was given and the school room was decorated in a pleasing manner.

Mrs. Audrey Brown and Mrs. A. Z. Arehart were domestic science judges There were a large number of competitors in the different displays and following are the prize winners:

Plymouth Rocks, Charles Schrader and Daisy Sullivan; Leghorn bantams, Gertrude Oberline; Black Bantams, Letha McCollough; Pigeons, John Schrader; Indian Runner ducks, Cecil Gurtner; Brown Leghorns, Charles Schrader.

Belgian Hares, Hanley Beard and Clarence Hamman, tied; White rabbits, Cecil Gurtner; Wild rabbit, Frank McCullough.

Talpahocking apples, Daisy Sullivan; Winter Greenings, Bertha Clark; Ben Davis apples and Keiffer pears, Bertha Clark and Clark McCollough; Grimes Golden, Bertha Clark.

Potatoes, Bertha Clark and Charles Schrader; Red Onions, Harry Radabaugh and Charles Schrader; Yellow Onions, Harry Radabaugh Daisy Sullivan and Clark McCullough; White Onions, Harry Radabaugh and Clark McCullough.

Popcorn white, Clarence Hamman and Raymond Schaffer; red, Virgil Huntington; blue, Daisy Sullivan; Oats, Harold Beard and Raymond Schaffer.

Field pumpkins, Charles Schrader and Bertha Clark; pie pumpkins, John Schrader; large squash, John Schrader; small squash, Charles Schrader.

Carrots, Harold Beard and Clark McCullough; beans and pumpkin seed, Charles Schrader; weed seed collection, Danny Johnson; clover seed, Harry Radabugh and Walter Hamman,; squash seed, Charles Schrader.

Pickles and jelly, Bertha Clark; peaches, Harold Beard; light cakes, Gertrude Oberlin, Gertrude Sheets and Virgil Huntington; dark cakes, Bertha Clark.

Broom corn, Walter Hamman; yellow corn, Frank McCullough, Bertha Clark and Clarence Hamman; white, Charles Schrader; single ear, Charles Schrader.

Sugar beet, red beet and radish, Clark McCullough; timothy seed, Clarence Hamman.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 15, 1916

Franklin

The box social which was held at Center school house Saturday night was a success in a financial way as over $16 were cleared. The proceeds being used for purchasing an organ for the school.

The Center school is preparing to give a Christmas entertainment.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 23, 1917

Franklin Township examinations was held at Center Saturday and by reports there were a good many taking the same.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 6, 1917

Franklin

Virgil Huntington was absent from school Monday and Tuesday on account of sickness.

A number of the scholars met at the home of Miss Gertrude Oberlin Saturday night to help her celebrate her fourteenth birthday. Owing to the heavy rain not as many were present as were invited.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 27, 1917

Franklin

School closed last Friday at the Center school with a basket dinner and a short program in the afternoon

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 28, 1919

Franklin

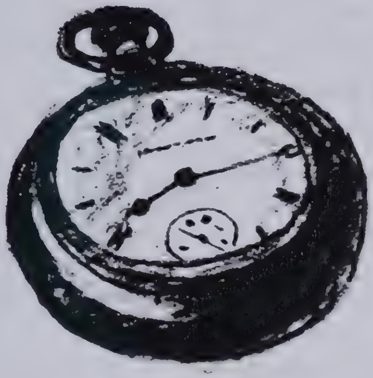
There was a box social held at Center school Wednesday night.

There are only three weeks more school at Center.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 24, 1919

Franklin

The box social at College Corners last Friday night was quite well attended. In our items last week we were misinformed as to the date of the social for Franklin Center, the date being October 24, and the one at No. 8 was October 17.



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 31, 1919

Franklin

The box social at Franklin Center was well attended and $50 in money was taken in, with $38 cleared with which books and a pencil sharpener will be purchased for school. The meeting held at Center last Thursday night for the farmer's organization was well attended and will meet in the future the second Thursday evening of each month.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 14, 1919

Franklin

Center school has purchased twenty four new library books.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 21, 1919

Franklin

When Helen and Mary Carpenter were on their way from school one day last week the thill came loose on one side and the horse went over the bank with the buggy, upsetting the girls and Helen was unable to teach for several days on account of her injuries, but Mary returned to school the second day.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 28, 1919

Franklin

A new well is being put in at Franklin school house.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 9, 1920

Franklin

Mr. Sheridan Haris moved on the Charles Capp farm vacated by Mr. Tomilson. Two scholars are added to the Center school.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 5, 1920

Franklin

Helen Carpenter taught school at Center for Clarence Bowers, Monday who attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Harm Musser, who passed away leaving her husband with six children.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 20, 1920

Franklin

Clarence Bowers, who taught the Center school last winter was on our street Sunday driving a new Overland and distributing the souvenirs among his pupils as they did not arrive in time for the last day.

Bertha Clark, Harold Beard, Clark McCollough and Charles Schrader all from Franklin center passed the 8th grade examination.

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**Franklin Center School,**
**Franklin Twp., DeKalb Co, Ind.**
**District #5**

Clarence L. Bowers, Teacher
Frances M. Merica, Co. Supt.
William Potter, Trustee

PUPILS

**8th Grade**

Clarence Hamman
Bertha Clark
Bruce Ratts

**7th Grade**

Johnny Schrader
Kenneth Holman
Raymond Getts
Stella Bergetreser

**6th Grade**

Josephine Getts
Sheldon Collins
Glenn Harris

**5th Grade**

Nina Collins
Raymond Getts
Velda Huntington
Letha McCullough
Hazel Harris
Walter Hamman
Vera Fifer

**4th Grade**

Lester Collins
Wayne Clark
Edna Royal

**3rd Grade**

Rosie Schrader

**2nd Grade**

Florence Oberlin
Helen Holman

**1st Grade**

Velda Clark
E. Marcella Ratts
Mildred Baker
Olen Imhoff
Heber Getts
Wava Fifer

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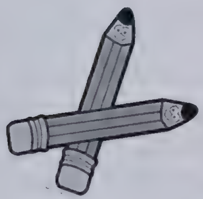
Inside of school listing is the following dated. 1921. The outside said 1920.

Dear Pupil

As you grow older you will look back upon your school days as the happiest time of your life. May you never have cause to regret that you did not make the best of them. My sincerest wish is that the past year will be a bright page in the tablet of your memory

Affectionately
Your Teacher.



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 15, 1923

Franklin

Rose Schrader, Lethia McColough and Hazel Harris were absent from school on account of sickness.

The John Clark children are recovering from their sickness which we are glad to state and hope that they with the others that are ill can soon be in school.

Mrs. John Clark was a visitor at the Center school last Friday.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 29, 1923

Franklin

Willis Matson is sick and has been absent from school for over a week and isn't much better.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 5, 1923

Franklin

The two children, Wayne and Velda Clark returned to school Monday after a siege of whooping cough.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 26, 1923

Franklin

Miss Erda Robinson, teacher at the Center the past school term closed Friday with appropriate exercises and the patrons took in a basket dinner. This closed one of the very best terms of school for Franklin Center and she sure would receive a welcome back again.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 13, 1923

Franklin

The Holman children, Kenneth, Helen, Kathryn and Doris entertained five of their schoolmates Sunday afternoon and treated them to watermelon and maple candy.

Miss Gale Wyncoop, Mary Kandel, Holman and Josephine Getts were among the Freshmen who started to High School Monday.

Waldo Anthony is teacher at Franklin Center.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1923

Franklin

Center school gave a short program last Friday afternoon.

Franklin

Vera Smith of Hamilton spent Friday with Florence Oberlin and attended the exercises at Center school.

School closed Friday for a weeks vacation. The teacher treated the pupils to oranges and candy and he was presented with a nice and useful present also.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 24, 1924

Franklin

Most of the schools in the township closed Friday. A dinner was served by the patrons at the Center school. Mr. Anthony, the teacher treated the children with chocolates and souvenirs.

The second County Examination was held at Center Saturday

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 12, 1925

Franklin

Miss Helen Holman was taken with a severe pain in her left side Monday at school and had to be taken home. She was better in the evening however with no serious results.

Florence Oberlin and Olan Oberlin have been absent from school on account of colds.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 12, 1925

Franklin

The Holman children who have been quite sick for a couple of weeks are able to be in school.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1925

Franklin

School closed at the Center Friday. The fourteen pupils gave a good program. Mr. Anthony presented the pupils with pretty souvenirs.

Those at the Center school who read the Children's Bible through were: Helen Holman, who received a prize of one dollar and Florence Oberlin read a part of the same receiving one-half the prize.

Those pupils who were fortunate enough to not get sick and were able to be present every day and not be tardy at Center school were Wayne and Glenn Clark and Wava Fifer, who received certificates of reward.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
June 4, 1925

Franklin

Farmers are donating several days of work a piece, grading the road a half of a mile east of Center school to Jerusalem school.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 21, 1926

Franklin

There will be a School Fair, Box Social and Plate Supper at the Franklin Center school house, two miles west of Jerusalem Church, Tuesday night, October 28. Everyone welcome. Come have a good time. Mary Carpenter, teacher.

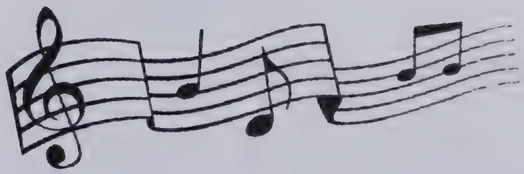
Marcella Ratts spent Sunday with the Holman sisters, Helen, Kathryn and Doris.

Vara Fifer visited her home school Friday afternoon.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 9, 1929

Franklin Center Notes

It is understood that the Franklin Center school will be closed this term on account of the lack of required number of pupils.



Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
June 6, 1930

### OLD SCHOOL MATES MEET

Joe Mason of west Auburn, was a caller of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Taylor Sunday afternoon. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mason were boys and schoolmates together, and, although they have lived in adjoining counties within a few miles of each other, this is the first time they have met for 65 years. They had a good visit recalling some of the school days at Taylors Corners school and many incidents of those days were remembered very plainly by each of them.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1931

Franklin News

The Franklin Center school closed Tuesday of this week with appropriate exercises by the pupils. Mr. Edson Beard, teacher.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 2, 1933

Franklin News

Franklin Center has two new pupils, They are, Alice and Charles Willard.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
March 17, 1933

Floyd Petty substituted for Dona Radabaugh as teacher on Monday while Miss Radabaugh attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith. While Mr. Petty was cranking his automobile in the evening to start home, it "kicked" and as a result his right wrist was broken.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 20. 1933

Franklin News

Center school closed Friday. Miss Dona Radabaugh teacher. There wee 43 ate pot luck at the noon hour and all hope Miss Radabaugh can be the teacher again next year

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
November 3, 1933

A Hallowe'en party was had at Franklin Center school last Friday evening. Miss Dona Radabaugh is the teacher. A short program was given by the scholars. Popcorn and candy was served. Robert Platt and a David girl received the prizes for best masked persons

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1933

Franklin News

The teacher, Mrs. Dona Radabaugh and pupils of Franklin Center, gave a good program Friday afternoon. The teacher was then presented with some very useful presents by her pupils and she in turn treated the crowd to candy and pupils to oranges, candy, and pop corn balls

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 29. 1933

Miss Dona Radabaugh had a miscellaneous program at her school at Franklin Center Friday afternoon. The program was followed by a social time, Santa Claus came and served candy to all and they had their Christmas exchange

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1934

Franklin News

The two Willard children returned to school Monday after two weeks absence on account of sickness

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 23, 1934

Franklin News

The David children have returned to school after being absent three weeks due to scarlet fever

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 6, 1934

Franklin News

School began Tuesday at the Center school with Miss Dona Radabaugh as teacher, Miss Radabaugh has already taught two successful terms at this school. The enrollment is higher this year with an attendance of 22 pupils.

The total enrollment of the rural schools of DeKalb county, exclusive of Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo and Butler at the end of the third week of the fall term was 2,231. The enrollment for Franklin township 161.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1934

Franklin News

The Christmas entertainment at the Center School will be held Friday, Dec. 21, in connection with the Parent-Teacher meeting for December.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
August 16, 1935

Miss Dona Radabaugh gave an announcement party at the home of her brother, Vernie Radabaugh and wife on Tuesday afternoon at which time she announced her marriage to Wm. Shultz. The marriage took place on October 13, 1934, at the home of and by Rev. Dougherty at Muncie. The party was given to the members of the Kappa Delta Phi of which Mrs. Shultz was a member. Those present were: Mrs. Blanche Nugen, Mrs. Carl Stallman, Miss Manila Dayman and Mrs. Ruth Hawk of Auburn, Mrs. Bert Kepler, Mrs. Gerald Anthony, Mary Bonfiglio and Margaret Hamman of Waterloo. Harriette Goodwin and Mrs. Wanita Hammond of Angola, Josephine Getts, Cleo Dirrim, Mrs. Orla Willennar and Mrs. Herbert Howard. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge. The hostess served lunch and all had an enjoyable afternoon together.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
September 5, 1935

Franklin News

School began Tuesday at Center with Mrs. Dona Radabaugh Shultz as teacher. This makes her fourth year at this place and giving good satisfaction to pupils and patrons

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 3, 1936

Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bowman spent their Thanksgiving vacation with Mrs. Bowman's sisters in Chicago. Mrs. Bowman is the teacher at Franklin Center.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 24, 1936

Franklin

Mrs. Opal Bowman, teacher, and pupils of the Franklin Center school gave a very nice Christmas program last Friday evening. All received a fine treat from the teacher and the pupils also remembered the teacher with a gift.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
February 18, 1937

Franklin News

Electric lights were installed in the Franklin Center school house this week. Freeman Creager did the wiring for Mr. Houlton, the trustee.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
October 3, 1937

The Franklin township teachers club held their first meeting with Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn. The next meeting will be Nov. 1st with Mildred Getts at her home south of town.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 4, 1937

There was a good attendance at the Halloween program at Franklin Center school last Friday night.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 21, 1938

The Center school closes Friday. The teacher and pupils will give a program and the parents will furnish a pot luck supper after the program Friday night. This closes two and a half years of successful teaching at Center by Mrs. Opal Bowman

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
October 27, 1938

The Franklin district No. 5 held their first P.T.A. meeting for the year and a Halloween program with apples and pop corn for a treat.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
December 8, 1938

The music teacher for Franklin township, Mrs. Cather, resumed her teaching at Dist. No. 5 Thursday

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
April 20, 1939

Thursday night the Franklin Center school will have a program put on by the teacher, Opal Bowman and pupils followed by a potluck dinner for patrons and the school. Friday the teacher will serve weiner roast to her pupils at the noon hour. This will close a very successful two and one-half years of teaching by Mrs. Bowman.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
May 4, 1945

Mrs. Mary Bopp, Trustee Jesse Bonecutter and Mrs. Marguette Sharp took thirteen members of the eighth grade of the Franklin Center school to Fort Wayne on Thursday of last week on a sight seeing tour of the more important places in the city. They took along a potluck dinner.

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Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
May 4, 1950

## RURAL SCHOOL CHILDREN GO TO BATTLE CREEK

Thirty-five seventh and eighth grade pupils of Troy and Franklin township, accompanied by Mrs. Bopp, Mrs. Hopkins and her daughter, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Bonecutter and Glen Jennings, driver of the Troy bus, went to Battle Creek, Michigan on an educational tour The first stop was at Kellogg's where they witnessed the processes by which 19,000 bushels of corn are daily converted into Corn Flakes. At the end of the tour of this plant, each person received a variety gift package of Kellogg's Cereals and was served ice cream topped with Corn Soya. At noon all were welcomed into the home of Lois Bennett, daughter of Mr. Bonecutter. In this warm cozy home, the pupils were served the sack lunches and pop packed by Mrs. Bopp and Mrs. Wagner. Immediately after lunch, Mr. Bennett arranged a visit to the recreational part of the nearby Percy Jones Military hospital. From there all walked to the Youth Center built by Kellogg, where they saw a large swimming pool and a very large interesting exhibit of practically all

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kinds of handcrafts made by girls and boys 12 to 18 years of age. Next all boarded the bus and were driven to the Kingman Museum. This was a new experience for most of the pupils. They were permitted to look as long as they wished at the mounted birds and animals geological exhibits and relics. After an hour in the downtown stores every one was willing to return home. The end at the day brought each tired and happy child safely home.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 2, 1951

## JR HIGH VICTORIOUS AGAINST FRANKLIN CENTER

The Jr. High team played Franklin Center last Monday night at the High School gym. The Jr. High team defeated Franklin Center 43-18. The scoring was evenly matched for the Hamilton Jr. High boys with Teegardin and Penland scoring 19 each. Reinig was high point man for the losers with 15 of his team's 18 points.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 2, 1951

**1951 Franklin Township Graduates**

FRANKLIN TWP.--Kenneth Baxter, Noretta Dangler Gerald Ford, Gloria Getts, Roger Holman, Jerry Houlton, Donald Johnson, Dale Newcomer, Walter Reinig, Lenora Rosenberry, Linda Smyth, Limeon Spake, Maryellen Van Wye and DeVon Weicht.

Record-Herald, Butler, IN
September 24, 1953

## INCREASE IN PUPILS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

### 1578 Children Are Enrolled.

Roger Hess of Auburn, superintendent of the DeKalb county rural schools has reported that enrollment in the schools under his jurisdiction has increased 57 pupils this year to a total of 1,578.

There were 1,521 enrolled in the rural schools at the start of the 1952-1953 term.

Of the total enrolled this year, 836 are boys and 742 girls.

Enrollment for this year at Franklin Center is 27.

Virgil Hagerty of north of Auburn

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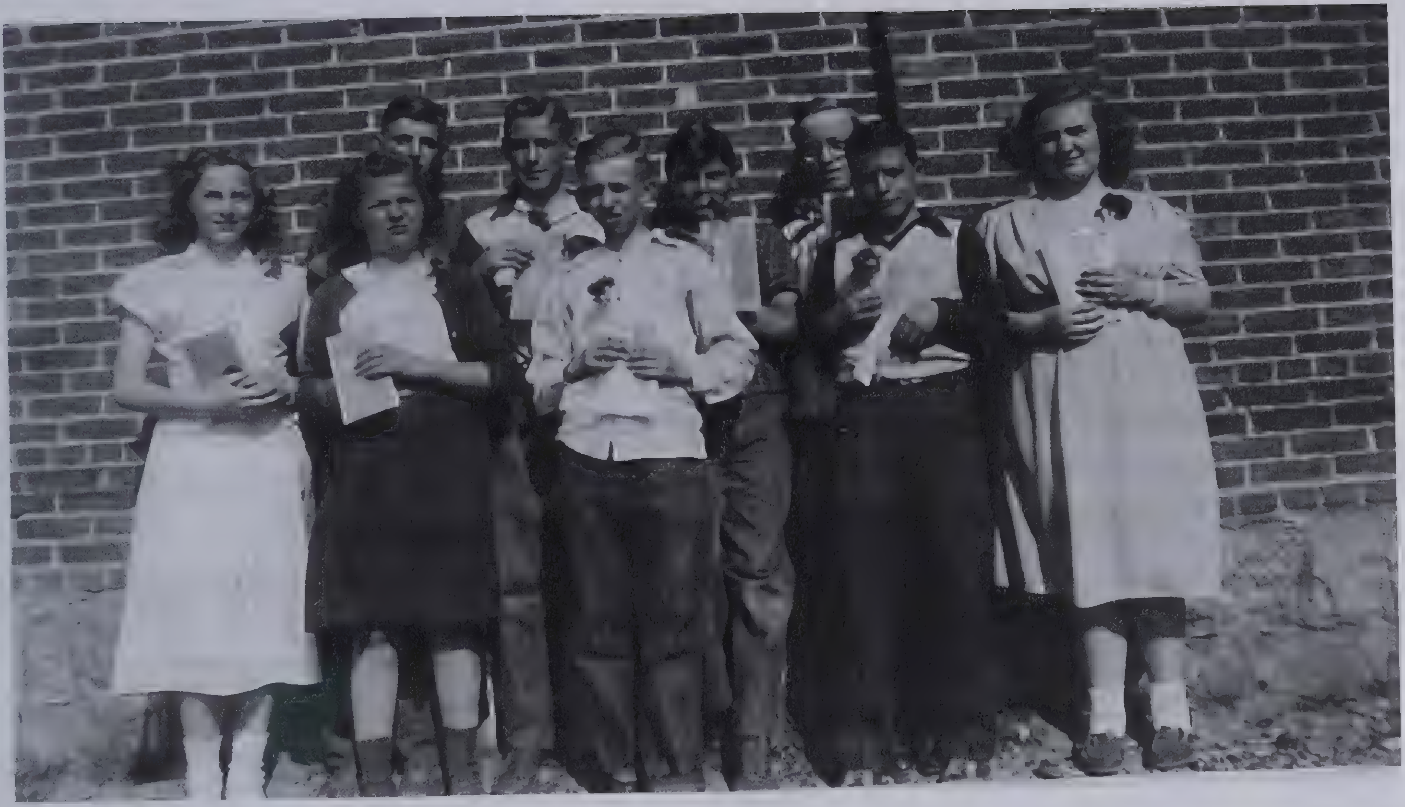
Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
January 6, 1956

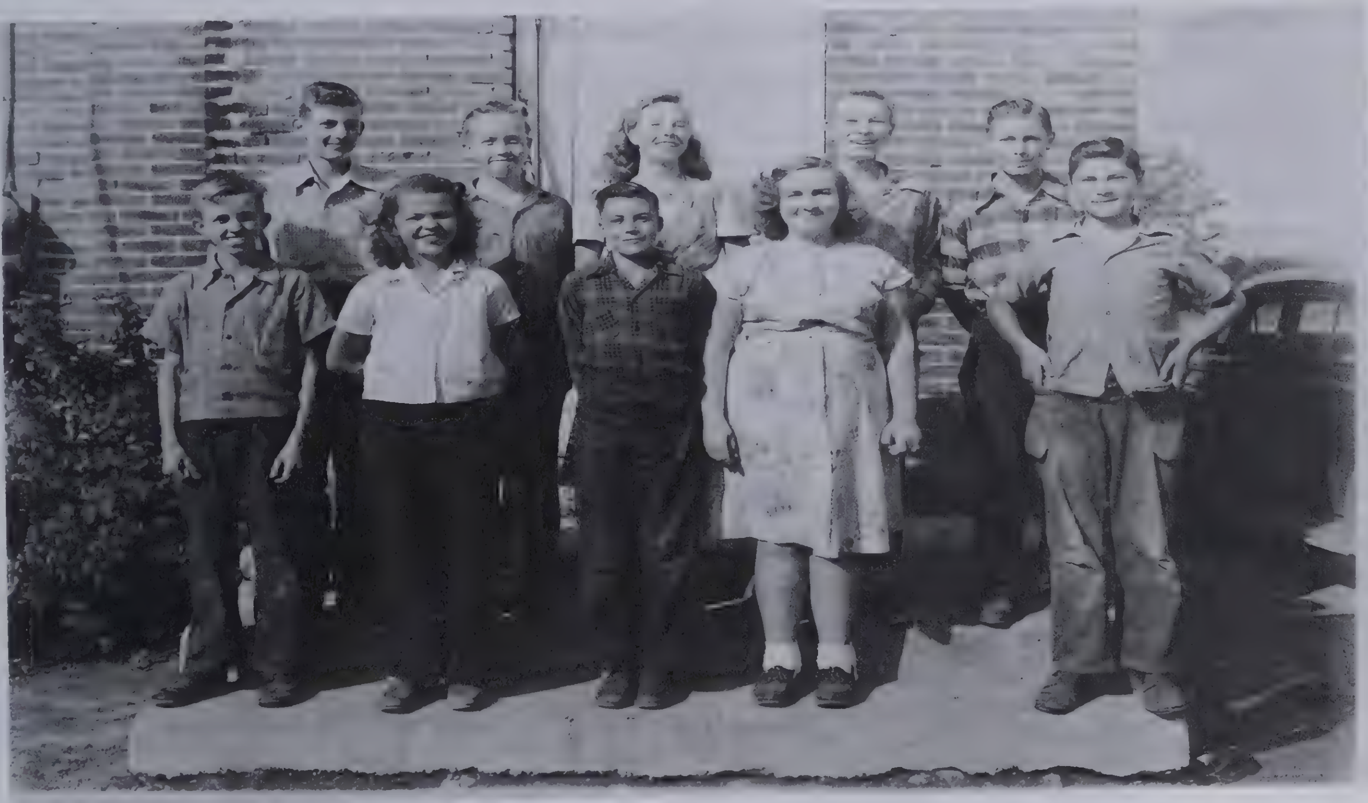
I wish to express my sincere thanks to my friends, neighbors, relatives and friends and students of Franklin Center, for the many cards, personal visits, telephone calls, and beautiful plant; all these things were greatly appreciated by me during my recent illness- Edgar Willennar.

Franklin Center School
1948-1949

Franklin Center School
1949-1950



Franklin Center School
8th grade graduates



Franklin Center School Year ?

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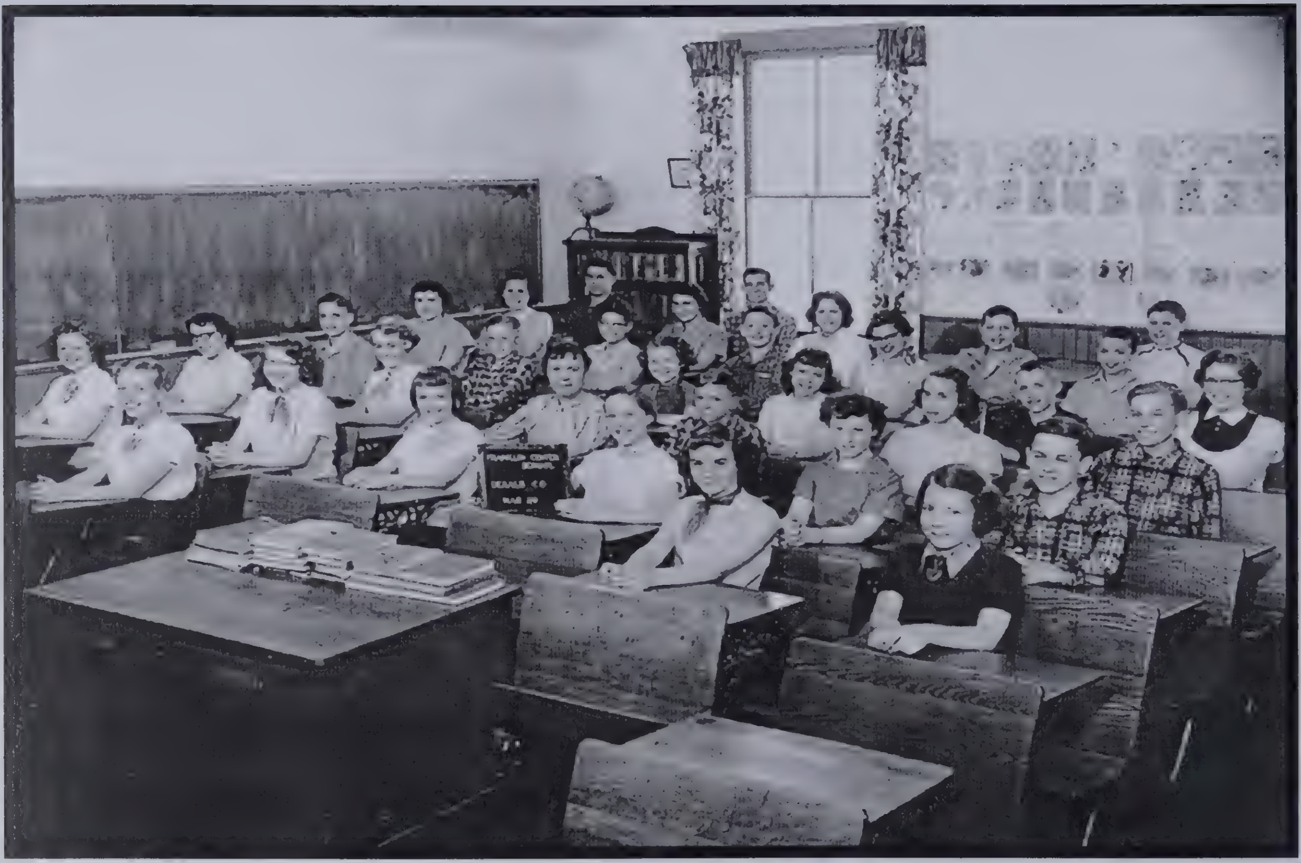
# Franklin Center School
1954-1955



Row 1 (Blackboard): Imogene Presley, Lila Jean Kandel, Mark Trubey, Marilyn Durst, Doris Lee, Roger Clark

Row 2: Gloria Miser, Esther Moore, Carolyn Getts, Leslie Nelson, Jerry Creager, Diana Weicht, Paul Houlton

Row 3: Linda White, Carol Goller, Shirley Swary, Paul Strater, Bonita Gorsuch

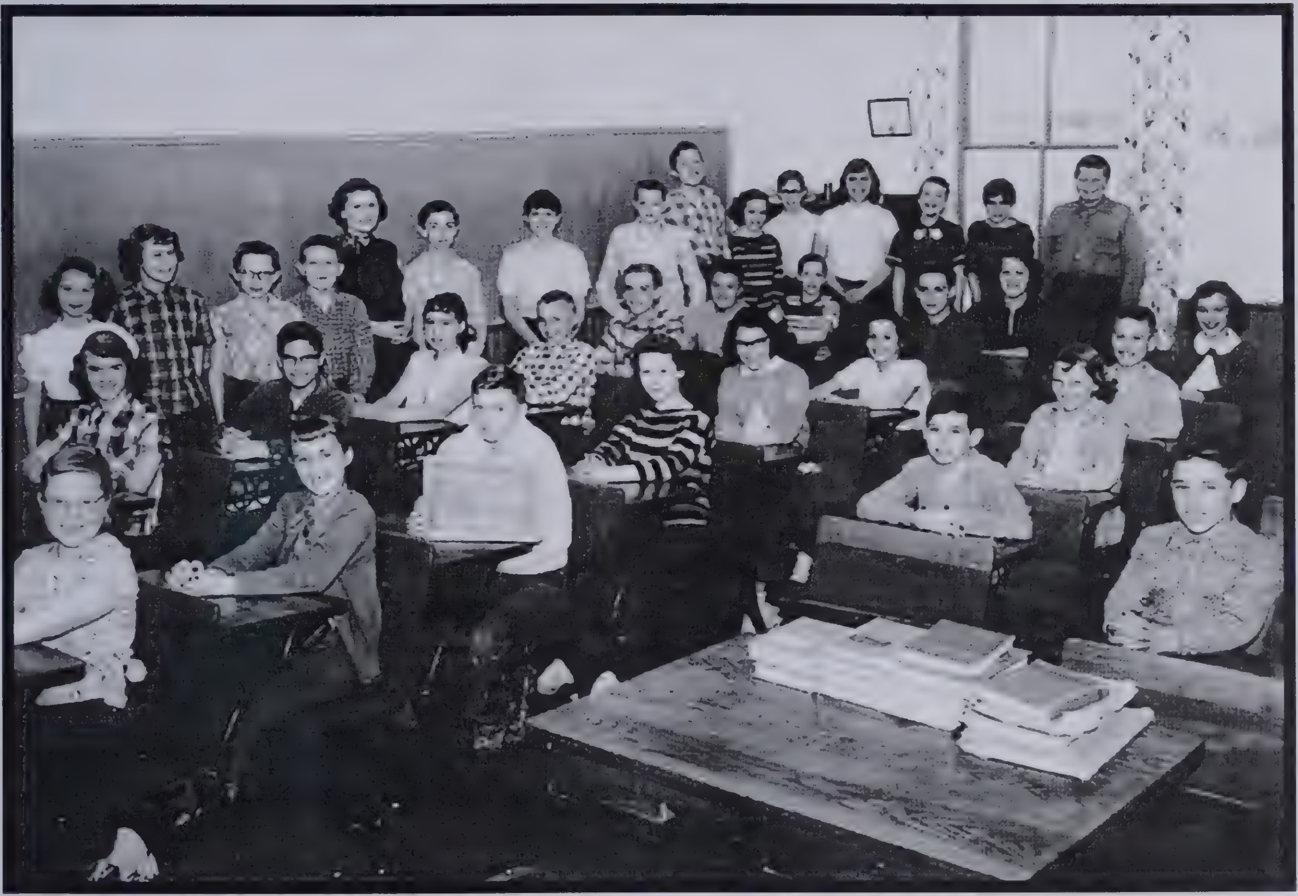
Row 4: Marilyn Rohrbaugh, Larry Gurtner, Ann Alexander, Elaine Harrold, Marvin McConnell

Row 5: Patricia Getts, Lynn Alexander, Kay Shafer, Bill Farmer, Lloyd Hulbert, Iris Trubey

Row 6: Linda Swary, Cloyce Baxter, Harold Baxter, Betty Shultz

Teacher (not pictured: Edgar Willennar

# Franklin Center School
# 1955-1956



Row 1 (blackboard): Helen Getts, Betty Vose. Jerry Wasson, __________, Iris Trubey, Lloyd Hulbert, ____________, Charles Presley, Marvin McConnell, Ann Alexander, Marilyn Rohrbaugh, Carol Goller, Linda White, Deanna Shull, Leonard Royal

Row 2: Patricia Getts, Jerry Creager, Kay Ann Shafer, Bill Farmer, Harold Baxter, Jerry Robinette, _________

Row 3: Janet Baxter, Ann Lee, Larry Gurtner, Lynn Alexander, Mary Weicht, Joyce Williamson, Cloyce Baxter, Bonita Gorsuch

Row 4: Stanley Button, Leora Lower, Douglas Chipman, Ellen Getts,

Row 5: Lewis Vose

Teacher (not pictured): Edgar Willennar

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Eloise (Beard) Platter
1st—6th grades

My favorite part of school was all—I liked school and reading especially.

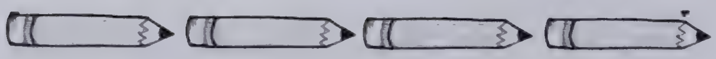
At recess, we played Rover Red Rover, Tag, Hopscotch

I'll never forget when an older boy shot spit balls up at the ceiling and had to stay in his seat at recess. He no sooner served his time until he did it again.

We loved it when anything unusual or different occurred.

I got to and from school by walking ( 1 mile) in good weather or my Dad took me in bad weather.

The most important day at school was when we had parties, Christmas , Valentine Day.



# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Lyle Holman

Jerusalem School
Grade 1 (1946-47) teacher—Rose Griffith
Grade 2 (1947-48) teacher—Rose Griffith
Taylor's Corners School
Grade 3 (1948-49) teacher—Orlie Willennar
Grade 4 (1949-50) teacher—Orlie Willennar
Grade 5 (1950-51) teacher—Ralph Fry
Grade 6 (1951-52) TEACHER—Raymond Rensch
Franklin Center School
Grade 7 (1952-53) teacher Mary Joan Bopp
Grade 8 (1953-54) teacher—Edgar Willennar

I attended the Jerusalem school for the first and second grade (three miles of on my boyhood home on County Road 12). Taylors Corner for grades three, four five and sic (One miles west of my home. Seventh and eighth grad in the franklin Center School This school was on the corner of County Road 12 and 59, the center of Franklin Township. This is where my home is today. The cornerstone of the Franklin Center school has been placed in a small stone wall made from part of the school's foundation on the corner of our property.

The teachers arrived early to ready the stove that heated each of the schools. They were coal/wood stoves that eventually were converted to oil.

I road the bus to school most days, sometimes riding my bike. My older brother (by three years), Roger, never rode on the same bus as I did. One bus traveled west and the other to the east. The bus drivers were Howard Newcomer and Elmer Gaff. Elmer's wife, Millie sometimes subbed as a driver.

The school year started after Labor day each September and ended about he third week in April. I think our school day ran from about 8:30 to 3:00.

Recesses consisted of student led games. Softball, Annie, Annie Over (ball thrown over the school's roof) were played. At Franklin Center there was a hoop for playing basketball. When it was cold, along the tree line not far from the school, water

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would pool which was perfect for ice skating during the noon recess. The teacher would be outside with the children during the recess.

Lunch was eaten at student's desks. I took my lunch to school in a lunch box. My favorite find was a piece of my mother's pie, cake, or a cookie. But my favorite of all was a donut.

There were two outhouses: one for the girls, the other for the boys. The student's were encouraged to use them during their recesses, not on class time. Outhouses often were tipped over around October 31st, Halloween. One year the township Trustee, Howard Kandel, asked my father to keep watch around the school. He did and a couple of boys were caught attempting to do an outhouse tip-over. The police were called.

There was a pump outside each school for water. Water was pumped into a container for use in the school. The students each brought their own drinking cup. For a time, the pump at Franklin Center was not working and water had to be brought over from Art Gould's home, a nearby neighbor. I still have the pump that was at this school.

We had Halloween parties. We would change into our costumes in the hallway/cloakroom. Classmates would try to guess who each person was. I remember that Roger Clark received a prize one year because no one could figure out who he was. One year my mother didn't have my costume read when the bus arrived, so she brought it to me later that morning. As a result everyone knew who I was when guessing time came.

There was a Christmas gift exchange. We would draw names.

Student would clean erasers outside, banging them against the steps or the school house.

We did our schoolwork primarily with paper and pencil

A music class was provided at Franklin Center. A teacher would come to the school a couple of times a month.

I remember a play that was presented one year at Taylor's Corners. The parents came to see it in the evening. Our teacher, Mr. Fry, was upset with the actors …. they didn't learn their lines the way he expected.

Apparently Mr. Fry was an "easy" teacher. He liked doing art activities with his students. I remember it was a fun and easy year, but the next year with Mr. Rensch was really difficulty, in comparison.

Sixth grade was a tough year. All the boys were paddled at one time or another that year, except for me. Mr. Rensch really scared me. Most teachers paddled students as a punishment, except I don't remember Mrs. Griffith doing any spanking.

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# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Don Kaufman

I attended first and second grade at Bonn Dell School located on County Road 20. My teacher was Floraabell Kuhn. She taught all eight grades and was a very good teacher. The school has since been demolished and a house built on the property owned by Richard Badman.

I attended third grade at Jerusalem School located at corner of State Road 1 and county Road 12. That school is no longer standing either. The teacher's name was Nancy Emerick. She often had discipline problems with some unruly students.

Taylors Corners was my school for the fourth , fifth and sixth grade. This school was at the corner of County Road 12 and State Road 427 and is not longer standing. Bruce Gurtner was a neighbor of the school and had a Saint Bernard dog. Whenever we played ball, the dog came to play too and if he got to our ball first, we spent all of our recess trying to get our softball back. Orlie Willennar was our good teacher.

My seventh and eighth grade years were spent at Franklin center School located at the corner of County Road 12 and county Road 59. The Lyle Holman family now lives in a house where the school originally stood. There is a corner stone of the school in Lyle's yard. Mary Bopp was a teacher I liked very much. She took the eighth grade class to Angola to see the movie "Gone With the Wind." There were eight of us in the class and it was a day I will always remember. Three or four of us boys upset the outhouses on Halloween one year. It was fun until we got caught. Setting them back up again was not fun. I attended high school at Butler High School.

I carried a lunch bucket every day. It usually held a sandwich of some kind (usually peanut butter) and an apple or other fruit, sometimes cookies. Kool-aide was in the thermos. After lunch, we played games for the rest of the half hour. Softball, Red Rover and Anti Over were the games of choice.

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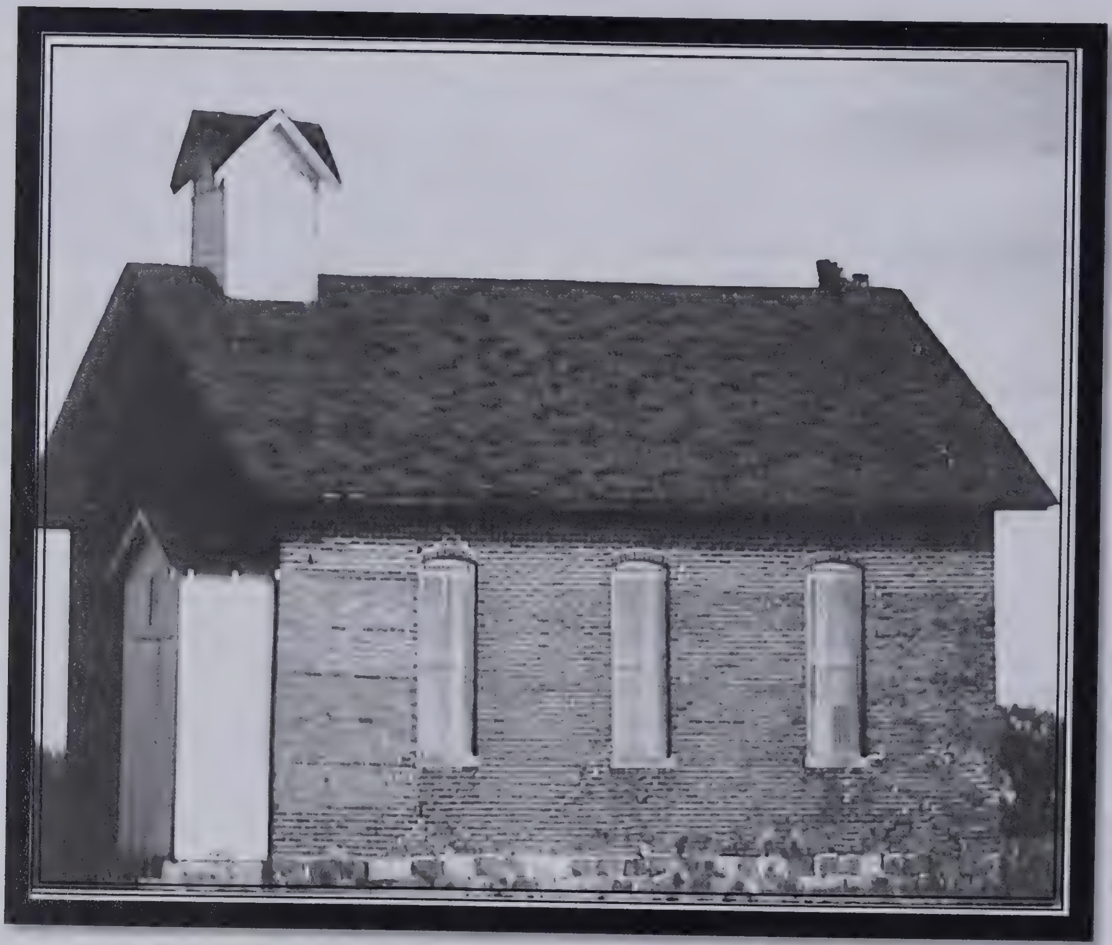
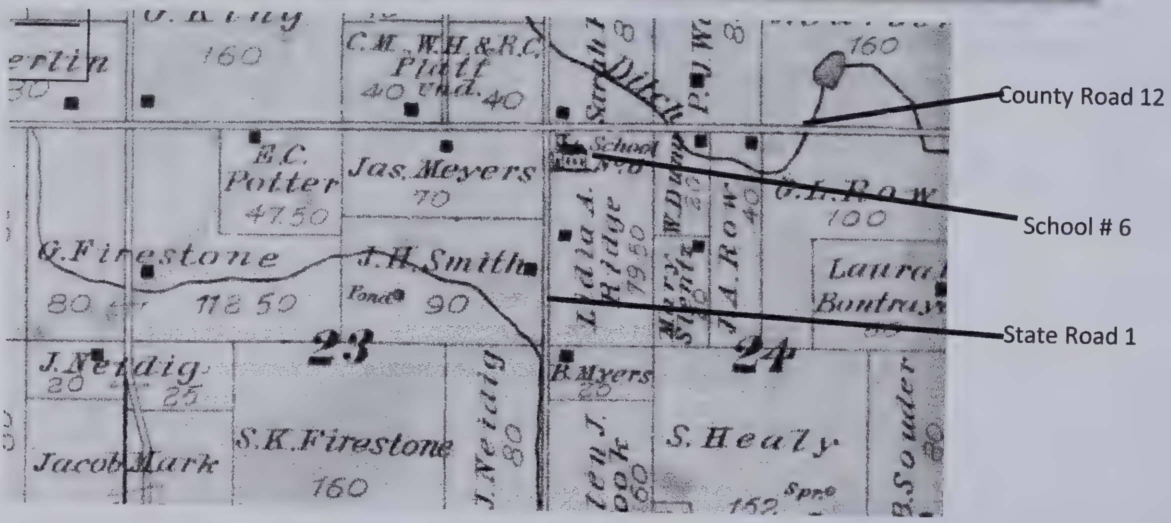
# JERUSALEM SCHOOL

## Number 6 School
southeast corner State Road 1 and County Road 12




County Road 12
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State Road 1
School No. 6
Ditch
E.C. Potter 47.50
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G. Firestone 80 112.50
J.H. Smith 90
Pond
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J. Neidig 20 25
Jacob Mark
S.K. Firestone 160
J. Neidig 80
B. Myers 20
S. Healy
Lydia A. Ridge 79.50
J.A. Row 40
Laura Bontrager
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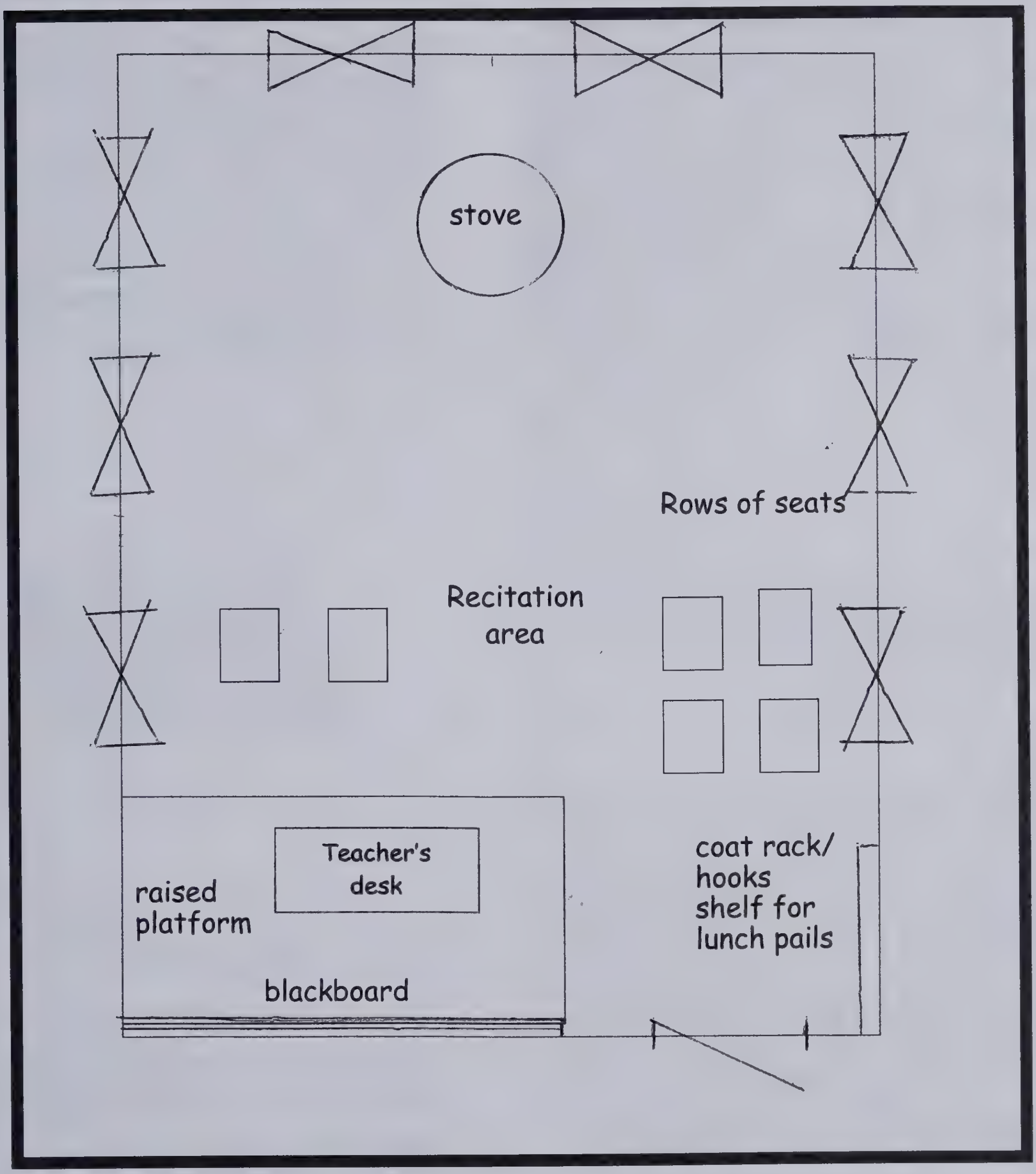
1880 map of Franklin Township showing No. 6 school.

# Jerusalem School
## Floor plans in the 1940 and 1950's


stove
Rows of seats
Recitation area
Teacher's desk
raised platform
blackboard
coat rack/ hooks shelf for lunch pails

## Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881 By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 6:**

Of 7 lady teachers, this school had May Gunsenhouser. Experimental term in the work of education. Roll 41, She has few present at commencement. She reads scriptures. Offer brief prayer and calls classes. They move in order, some few study noisily. Teacher find difficulty in getting expressions from pupils. They remain silent or speak in low tones. Some expedient to give confidence is desirable. A ____ feeling of freedom is essential to recitation. House stands on a good enclosed site. It is new large well furnished new outline maps relieve the monotony of bare white walls.

## Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent by W.H. McIntosh January 6, 1881

**No. 6:**

Jan.7, Mellie Shepherd, Grade 9. 40 enrolled, 34 present, 1 tardy. Neatness is noticeable, communications tabooed. Reading lessons are brief. Examples copiously given. Printing asked for an praised. Arithmetic practically taught. The teacher is liked and succeed but allows the responsibility of her position to accompany her home and to her rest, so wearing upon her mind, exiting, and rendering injurious to her health

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## Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana February 12, 1885

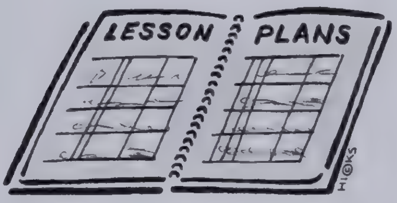
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Monthly report of Dist. No. 6, Franklin Township, for the month ending Jan. 30,1885,

Number of scholars enrolled, 34; average attendance, 30; per cent of attendance, 90; number of scholars not absent during the month, 14; names of those not absent, Sherman Enzor, Meady Oberlin, Cloa Wagoner, Vanilla Enzor, Miles Oberlin, George Bowman, Isaac Wagoner, Thede Ebel, Ella Brown, Frank Ebel, Chas. Potter, John Wagoner, Sam Brown, Johnny Potter.

Our school is one of the things that don't freeze out, no matter how cold the weather may be.

R. P. SHEPHERD, Teacher



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## Butler Record, Butler, Indiana April 26, 1894

Miss Susie Jennings closed her term of school at Jerusalem last Saturday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 11, 1896

School Report

Report for the school Dist. No. 6 of Franklin Tp., for the month ending Dec. 4, 1896. Number of pupils enrolled during the month, 26. Average daily attendance, 24. Percent of attendance 92.

The names of those who were neither tardy nor absent during the Month are Chas. Platt, Wm. Potter, Nellie Platt, Sadie Myers, Frank Platt, Jno. Platt, Robbie Platt, Milton Klinkel, Hoyte Cook, Gea. Ebel and Ova Enzor.

Those who were absent or tardy but once are, Grover Klinkle and Libbie Oberlin.

J. A. Lautzenheiser, Teacher

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 6

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| September, 9, 1898<br>R. C. Platt,<br>mowing yard, removing rubbish,<br>cleaning school house No. 6 | 4.50 |
| December 12, 1898<br>R. C. Platt,<br>helping put seats together No. 1<br>putting glass No. 6 | 1.30 |
| December 20, 1898<br>Frank Platt,<br>hauling one load sand No. 6 | 50 |
| January 9, 1899<br>R. C. Platt,<br>20 cords wood school house<br>No. 6 | 16.00 |
| March 8, 1899<br>R. C. Platt,<br>cleaning stove pipe and other repairs<br>No. 6 | .50 |
| April 14, 1899<br>Edson Beard<br>attending tp institute | 11.20 |
| November 4, 1898<br>Edson Beard<br>teaching No. 6 | 45.00 |
| November 12, 1898<br>Winifred Shultz<br>teaching No. 6 | 10.00 |
| December 13, 1898<br>Edson Beard<br>teaching No. 6 | 25.00 |
| January 26, 1899<br>Edson Beard<br>teaching No. 6 | 60.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>Edson Beard<br>teaching No. 6 | 94.99 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 8, 1899

College Corners

Miss Mayme Huyck drives to her school at Jerusalem each day.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana.
J. W. Brown, Township Trustee.
Dated Sept. 4, 1900.

1899

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|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 10 | Byron Platt | cleaning school house and mowing yard Dist No. 6 | 2.25 |
| Oct 13 | Mayme Huyck | ranking wood No 6 | .25 |
| Oct.18 | Levy & Co. | 2 towels for No 6 | .50 |
| Nov 11 | Wm Boyd | repairing well school house No.6 | 1.75 |
| Nov.11 | W. M. Thomson | door latch, wash basin for No. 6 | .55 |
| Dec, | Frk, Platt | hauling load sand No. 6 | .50 |

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 14, 1904

Jerusalem school can boost of two new scholars, as John and Robert Platt started last Monday.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb county Indiana,

Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 21, 1903 | W. H. Platt | 15 cords would No. 6 | 22.50 |
| Jan. 24 | O. E. Tarbox | Teaching No. 6 | 10.00 |
| Mar. 11 | O. E. Tarbox | teaching No. 6 | 60.00 |
| Apr, 17 | O. E. Tarbox, | teaching No. 6 | 113.00 |
| Apr. 17 | O. E. Tarbox, | Co. & Twp. Institute | 27.50 |
| Apr. 17 | O. E. Tarbox, | Supplies and labor | 4.50 |
| Aug. 31 | Sadie Myers, | Word No. 6 | 3.00 |
| Oct. 16 | Ina Gurtner, | teaching | 30.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905)

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| Sept. 2, | Alonzo Matson, | cleaning chimneys pipes and stoves of No.1, 2, 3,4 ,6, 7, 9 | 10.00 |
| Sept.25 | Theo Beaumont | papering school house No.9 and 6 and ceiling of 7 and putting in glass | 13.35 |
| Oct. 7, | Orin Smith, | cleaning school house No. 6 | 3.00 |
| Oct. 11 | Geo. Hammond | coal shed at No. 6 | 55.00? |
| Dec. 19, | H. K. Leas, | insurance, assessment on school house No 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 | 6.66 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 14, 1911

The school closed Wednesday at Jerusalem. The parents planned a surprise on the teacher and scholars as well, by gathering at the school house at the dinner hour with well filled baskets.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
July 14, 1911

There will be an ice cream social in the Jerusalem school house yard next Tuesday evening. Everyone cordially invited.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
December 1, 1916

**Two More School Fairs**

There will be a school program and agricultural exhibit at the district school number six in Franklin township Tuesday evening. County Agent A. Z. Arehart will be there to judge the exhibits and award the ribbons. He will also address the school and patrons on topics of interest about the agricultural work of the school. Mrs. Arehart will judge the domestic science work. Miss Eugenia Berry is teacher of the school.

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
December 1, 1916

## BIG EXHIBIT OF FARM PRODUCTS IN FRANKLIN

An excellent school program and farm products exhibit was held at school district six in Franklin township known as Jerusalem school on Tuesday evening. The building was filed to its capacity by pupils and patrons who gathered there for the evening program.

The various numbers of the program consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues, were well chosen. Thanksgiving was the theme of the evening. One of the most impressive parts of the program was a flad song by the school, after which all saluted the flag. Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Arehart sang a duet, and Mrs. Arehart sang a Norwegian solo.

County agent Arehart judged the farm products and awarded the prized after which he gave a general talk to those present, emphasizing the importance the boys and girls work in the community, and what it would mean in ten years from this time.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 22, 1926

The patrons and pupils of the Jerusalem school, north of Butler, will enjoy a pot luck dinner in honor of the last day of school. The children will give a program in the afternoon. There has not been any contagious diseases in this school.

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Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
November 11, 1926

The social at Jerusalem school house, Miss Zeigler of Hamilton, teacher, was a big success from every viewpoint, crowd, program and finance. Net proceeds $30

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 26, 1929

Jerusalem

Friday during the last day of school at Jerusalem, the patrons and friends in the neighborhood gathered at the noon hour with well filled baskets where a bounteous dinner was served to about 65. After the noon hour the teacher, Waldo Anthony, called the school to order when a fine program was rendered. After the program a ball game was played with the Houlton school, the visiting school carrying off the honors. This closed another successful year for the Jerusalem school.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 17, 1930

Scarcely a family in the Jerusalem neighborhood buy what has one or more cases of the measles.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
May 3, 1930

Jerusalem Notes

Friday of last week being the last day of school at Jerusalem, the patrons and neighbors gathered there at the noon hour with well filled baskets and all enjoyed a hearty dinner, Mr. Edson Beard, called to order and gave a very interesting talk to the patrons and friends who had gathered there. There was no program given on account of the epidemic of measles, which has been in the neighborhood during the last month, nearly all of the scholars having them.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
March 27, 1931

Jerusalem News

Several of the scholars of the Jerusalem school are absent on account of sickness. Among them are Wm. Platt, Noel Myers, Donald Monroe, Russell Camp and Allen Fisher.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 17, 1931

Jerusalem News

The patrons of Jerusalem school are planning a dinner Friday for the pupils and the teacher, Bruce Gurtner. The school will close Friday for the year.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
July 25, 1931

MARRIED

Bruce Gurtner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurtner east of Hamilton, and Miss Lucile Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, were married Saturday at the home of Rev. Ferguson near Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Claud LaRowe accompanied them. They were Saturday wedding supper and night guests at the LaRowe home. They are staying with her parents until they find a place to go to housekeeping.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 4, 1931

Jerusalem News

The ladies of Jerusalem Aid cleaned No. 6 school house on last Thursday.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 12, 1932

Jerusalem News
Two of our Jerusalem girls, Katherine and Doris Holman, assisted in the Butler high school program which was broadcast Saturday from station WOWO in Fort Wayne.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 28, 1932

Friday, being the last day of school at Jerusalem, patrons and pupils, the number of a hundred met at noon enjoying a fine pot luck dinner in compliment to the teacher, Mr. Bruce Gurtner. The children gave a program in the afternoon.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 9. 1932

Jerusalem News
The Ladies Aid cleaned the Jerusalem school house last Thursday and enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the noon hour in the basement of the church.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 9. 1932

Jerusalem News
Berdena Souders returned to school again after five weeks absence with the flu.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 22, 1933

Jerusalem News
A Christmas program will be given Friday evening at the Jerusalem church with the teacher Orlie Willennar and pupils assisting.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 27, 1934

**Rural Schools are Dismissed**

Programs and Basket Dinners Held Last Day Of School The township schools throughout DeKalb county, closed their terms on last Friday for the annual summer vacation. Most of the schools had special programs and dinners in celebrating the occasion.

**Surprise Teacher**

On Friday, the last day of school 110 patrons and friends of the Jerusalem school surprised Orlie Willennar, the teacher, with a bountiful basket dinner.

The pupils presented a beautiful table lamp to the teacher, who in return presented each pupil with a group picture of the school. Afterwards certificates of honor and presents were given nine pupils which was 28 per cent of the school for being present every day. Those receiving certificates and presents were as follows: Junior Barton, Thoris Culbertson, Barbara Culbertson, Lynn Culbertson, Eileen Camp, Berdena Souder, Elaine Allomong, Joe Allomong, and Garland Dohner

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1935

## Jerusalem School Closes

More than a hundred patrons and neighbors gathered at the Jerusalem school Friday, with well filled baskets to celebrate the closing of the school year.

After the table were cleared the pupils were called together and each was presented with a group picture of the school by their teacher. Mr. Orlie Willennar. Three pupils were given certificates for attending school every day. Those receiving certificates were Richard Dohner, Lynn Culbertson and Eileen Camp.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 19, 1935

The Jerusalem school, taught by Miss Olive Wagner, will give their Christmas program Friday evening at the church.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 5, 1936

## Franklin News

The little ones of Mr. and Mrs. John Royal was sick and Junior was absent from school all last week.

The moving of the Newcomer and Crowell families from our neighborhood removes four pupils from the Center school. The community also loses two very good neighbors and their families from our midst.

The Parent-Teacher meeting was held at Franklin Center, Friday night. After a short program the refreshment committee served four kinds of candy and popcorn. The next meeting will be in four weeks. March 27. Each family is to contribute something in the way of entertainment at the meeting.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 23, 1936

The Jerusalem school four miles north of Butler. taught by Olive Wagoner, held their last day of school Friday. A large crowd gathered at the Jerusalem church basement at noon where a pot luck dinner was served followed by a special program by the children. The teacher, bus driver and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gaff were remembered with gifts from the pupils who appreciated their kindnesses and accommodations.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 4, 1937

Miss Wagner, teacher of Jerusalem and pupils of the school held a party for Jean and Sue Robbins on Friday who were leaving the community and who will finish the year at College Corners near their new home.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 4, 1937

The pupils of the Jerusalem school and their teacher, Miss Mildred Getts, entertained their mothers at the school Friday afternoon. Games and contests were enjoyed by all, after which refreshments, consisting of doughnuts, apples, pop corn balls and sweet cider were served.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton Indiana
April 29, 1938

Mildred Getts, teacher at Jerusalem school, Franklin township, was very pleasantly surprised Friday, the closing day of school, when patrons and friends gathered at the school just before the noon hour with a very elaborate basket dinner. Dinner was served in the basement of the church an was certainly enjoyed by all present. This kindness was very much appreciated by Miss Getts.

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Record Harald, Butler, Indiana
December 15, 1938

The Jerusalem school, District No. 6, will hold their Christmas entertainment at the Jerusalem Church on Friday evening, December 23. Everybody welcome.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 17, 1941

The parents of the pupils that attend the school near Jerusalem church are having a pot luck dinner at the school Friday in honor of the teacher, Mr. Orlie Willennar.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 24, 1942

A potluck dinner was held Friday noon at the Jerusalem school house by parents of the students and other people of the community. About 83? were present. Following the dinner a program was presented by the students under the direction of Orlie Willennar, the teacher

Record-Herald, Butler, IN
September 24, 1953

## INCREASE IN PUPILS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

### 1578 Children Are Enrolled.

Roger Hess of Auburn, superintendent of the DeKalb county rural schools has reported that enrollment in the schools under his jurisdiction has increased 57 pupils this year to a total of 1,578.

There were 1,521 enrolled in the rural schools at the start of the 1952-1953 term.

Of the total enrolled this year, 836 are boys and 742 girls.

Enrollment for this year at Jerusalem is 46.

Virgil Hagerty of north of Auburn is county attendance officer.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton IN
January 6, 1956

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my friends, neighbors, relatives and friends and students of Franklin Center, for the many cards, personal visits, telephone calls, and beautiful plant; all these things were greatly appreciated by me during my recent illness-

Edgar Willennar.

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Record-Herald, Butler, IN
February 9, 1956

## FREEZING RAIN HITS COMMUNITY
## SCHOOLS CLOSED

### Butler, Auburn and Garrett Schools open

Highway travel was returned to normal, Tuesday afternoon, after one of the worst ice storms of the winter struck DeKalb County early Monday morning disrupting traffic to such an extent that most of the schools of the county were closed. The freezing rain left highways throughout the county treacherous and with the exception of schools in Auburn, Garrett and Butler, DeKalb county school children enjoyed a holiday from study. Despite the treacherous roads, rural mail carriers made their routes as usual. However, they were very late returning to the post office. Likewise the city carriers were delayed as they walked their routes on the slippery sidewalks and streets. The ice which formed early Monday and left all highways extremely slippery broke up on main roads later Monday. Traffic and constant sanding and applications of calcium chloride made the roads passable.

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Record-Herald, Butler, IN
April 26, 1956

Dona Shultz has resigned her position as a teacher in the Franklin township Jerusalem School to accept a position as second grade teacher at the St. Joseph Central school in Allen county. She has taught 17 years in DeKalb County and one year in the Butler Metropolitan school. Sh has taught in Franklin, Stafford and Wilmington townships. Mrs. Shultz received her B. S. in education in 1953 from Ball State teachers College and is doing graduated work in Speech and Hearing therapy.

Record-Herald, Butler, IN
August 30, 1956

## VACANCIES FILLED IN RURAL SCHOOLS

### Announce Complete Teacher List

County Superintendent of schools, Roger Hess of Auburn, has announced that he has filled all teaching positions in the rural schools, under his jurisdiction for the coming year.

Enrollment of students is Friday, August 31 with classes opening Tuesday, September 4.

Following is a list of DeKalb county rural school teacher for Franklin township:

Center school, Edgar Willennar, Hamiton;

Jerusalem, Helen Nelson of near Garrett

Taylor's Corners, Raymond Rensch, Butler

The county music teacher will again be Mrs. Dorothy McLean, Auburn

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Record-Herald, Butler, IN
September 29, 1956

## ENROLLMENT IN RURAL SCHOOLS REACHES 1551

### Stafford Twp. 41; Troy Twp. 52 and Franklin Twp. 106

County Superintendent, Roger A. Hess and Attendance Officer Virgil Hagerty Friday announced that enrollment in the rural DeKalb county schools this year totals 1,551 students. The total is 26 under the 1,577 who were enrolled in the county schools during the 1955-56 school year According to enrollment figures for the 1956-57 term provided by the various schools, 821 of the students are boys and the other 730 are girls.

Franklin township schools

Franklin Center, grades 6 through 8. 20 girls and 15 boys Total 35

Taylor's Corners, grades 4 and 5 13 girls and 19 boys, Total 32

Jerusalem, grades 1 through 3. 20 girls ad 19 boys. Total 39. Total in township 106 students.

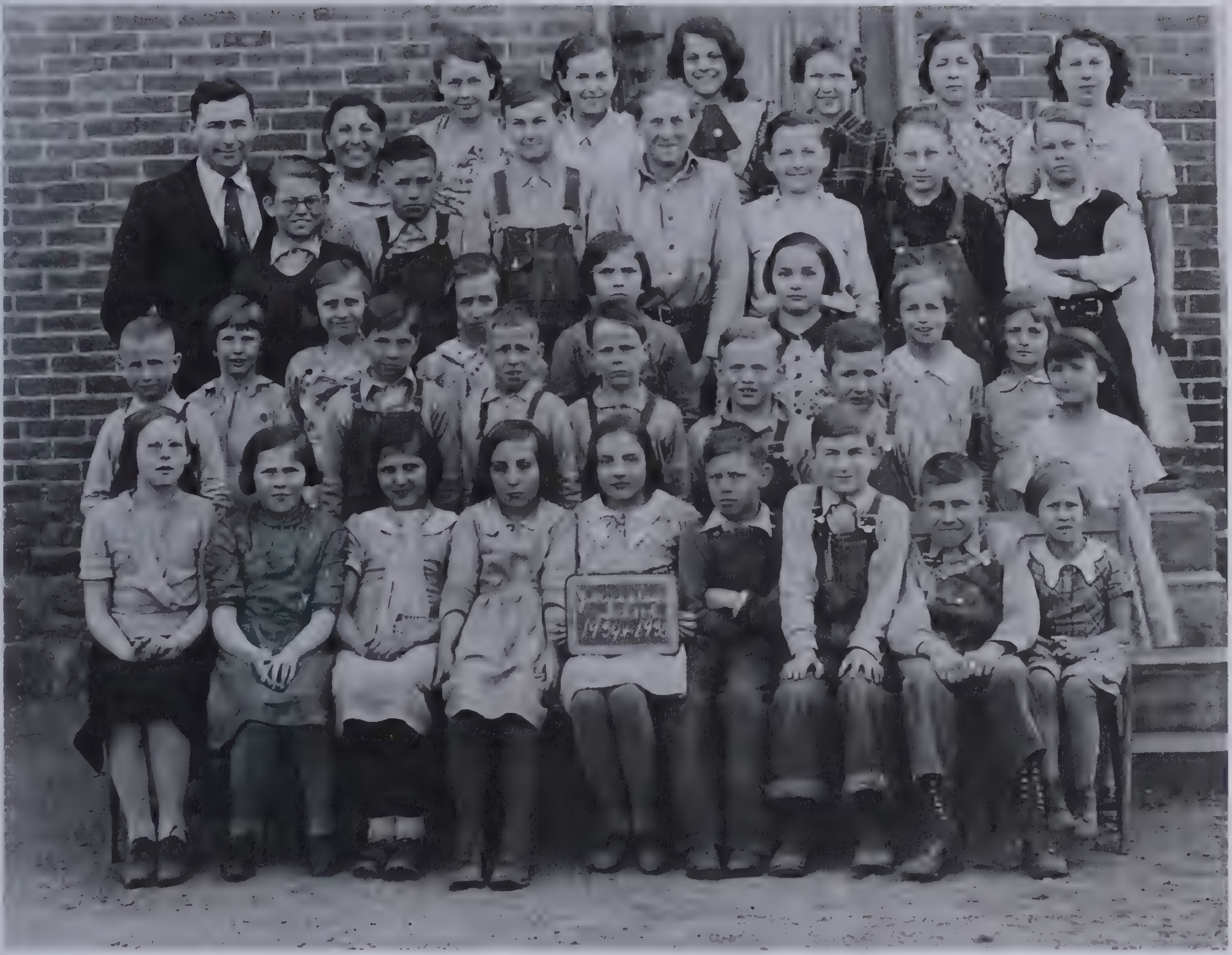
Trustee's report by Howard Kandel for Franklin Township for the year 1956Teachers paid —
Edgar Willennar
Raymond Rensch
Dona Shultz,

Care of Grounds Clyde Powell, Walter Hamman, Marguerite Kepler, Carol Haskins, Donner Kepler, Bert Kepler, Elwood Kepler, Marion H. Dirrim, Howard Lewis, T. W. Day

Transportation of children — Howard Newcomer and Elmer Gaff

Payment was made to the trustee of Otsego for the transfer of children to Hamilton.

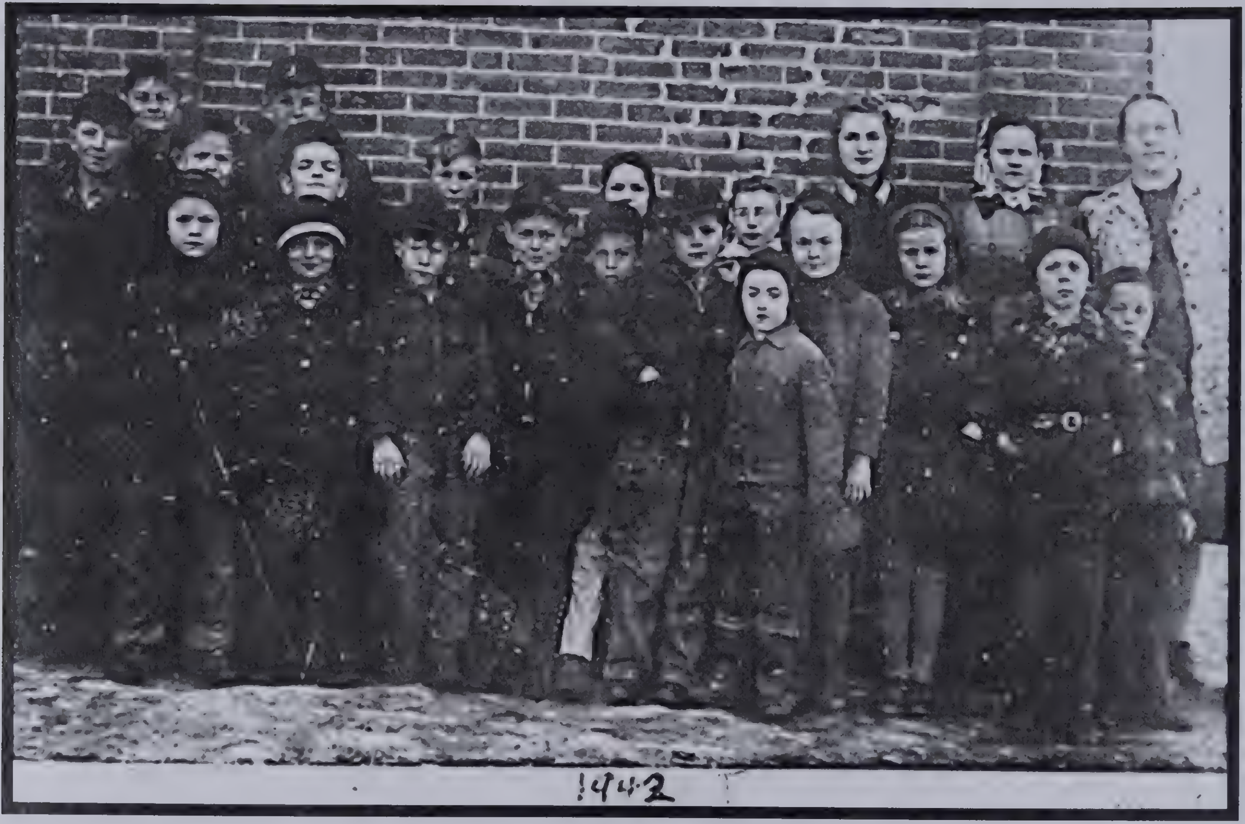
# Jerusalem School



Jerusalem School
1934-1935

On back of photo
Allen Fisher, April 2, 1935
Age 13yrs 10 mos.
Orlie Willinnar
teacher

# Jerusalem School



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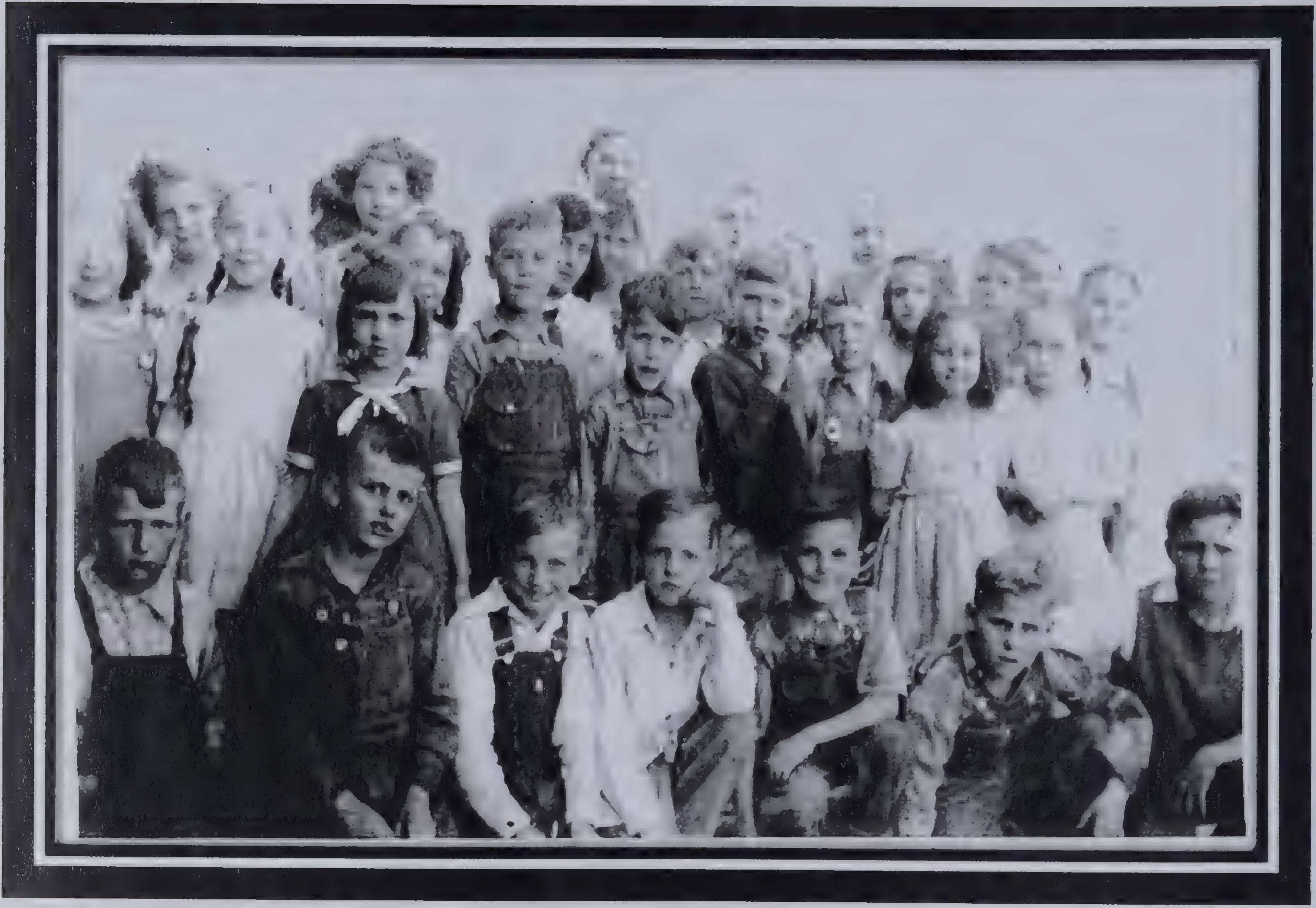
Don Kauffman 1942

Franklin Township
School unknown and date unknown

# Jerusalem School



Front row: Wayne Hamman, Max Trubey, Lyle Holman, Sonny Spake, Jack Badman, John King, ________________.

Row 2: Jeanette David, Allen Bowers, George King, _____________, Donald Gurtner, Shirley Shull, Laura Jean Wagner

Row 3: Joyce Rosenberry, Rita Willennar, Elizabeth Lautzenhiser, Noretta Dangler (?), ____________, ___________, Laura Lee Van Wye ____________, ____________

Row 4: ____________, ____________, ______________, ____________, ______________

Row 5: Mrs. Griffith Paul Trubey, Esther Magginnis

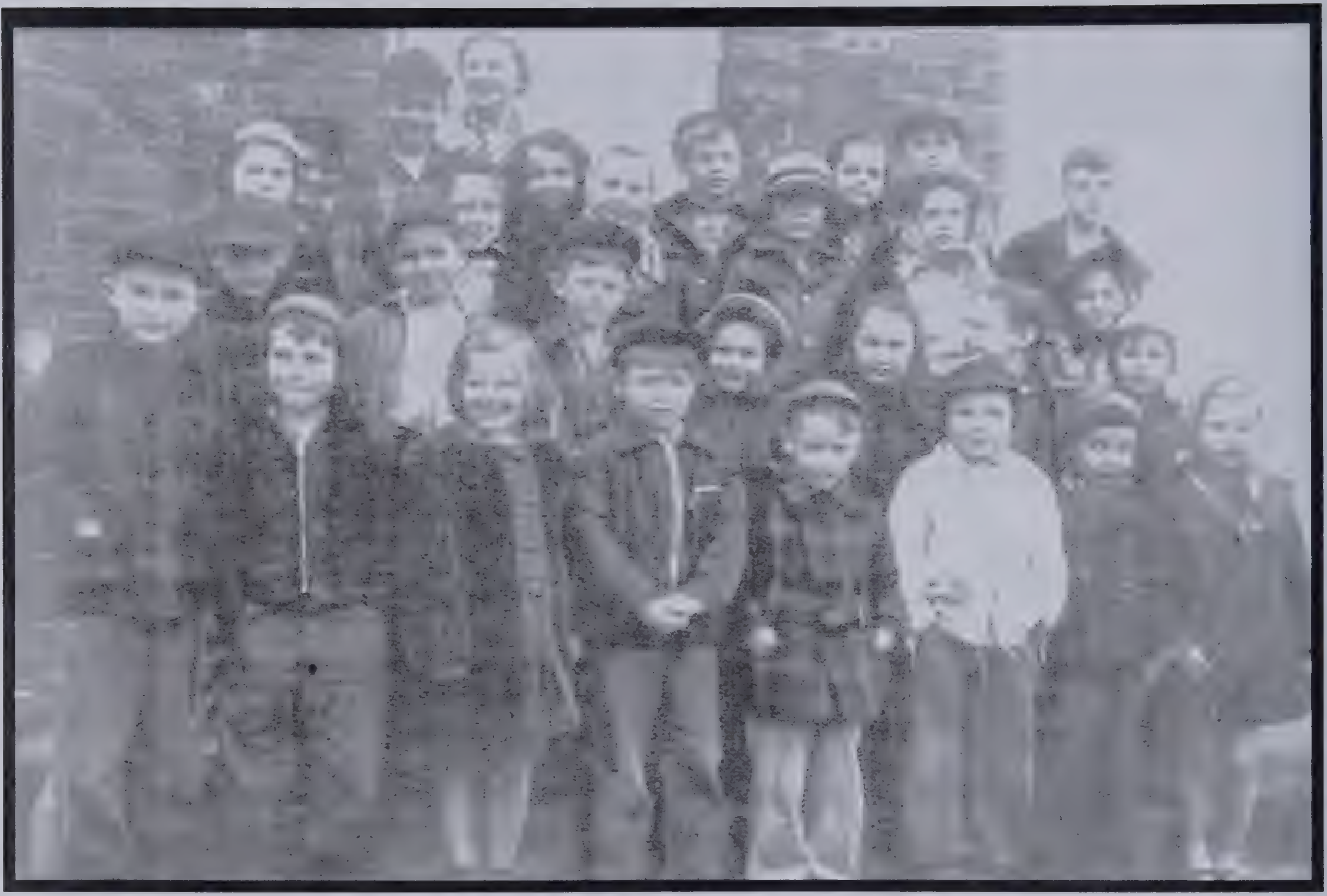
# Jerusalem School

1943

Lloyd Dixon, Lee Dohner, Jim Rickerd, Jim Hagerty, Lowell Trubey, DeWayne Weicht, Ann Willennar, Don Kaufman, Georgia Blanchard, Bill Badman

Don Kaufman and his dog 1944

# Jerusalem School
## 1946-1947



Row 1 (front): John Durst, Roger Clark, Elaine Harrold, DeVier Weicht, Lyle Holman, Bobby DeLong, Richard Badman, Rita McConnell

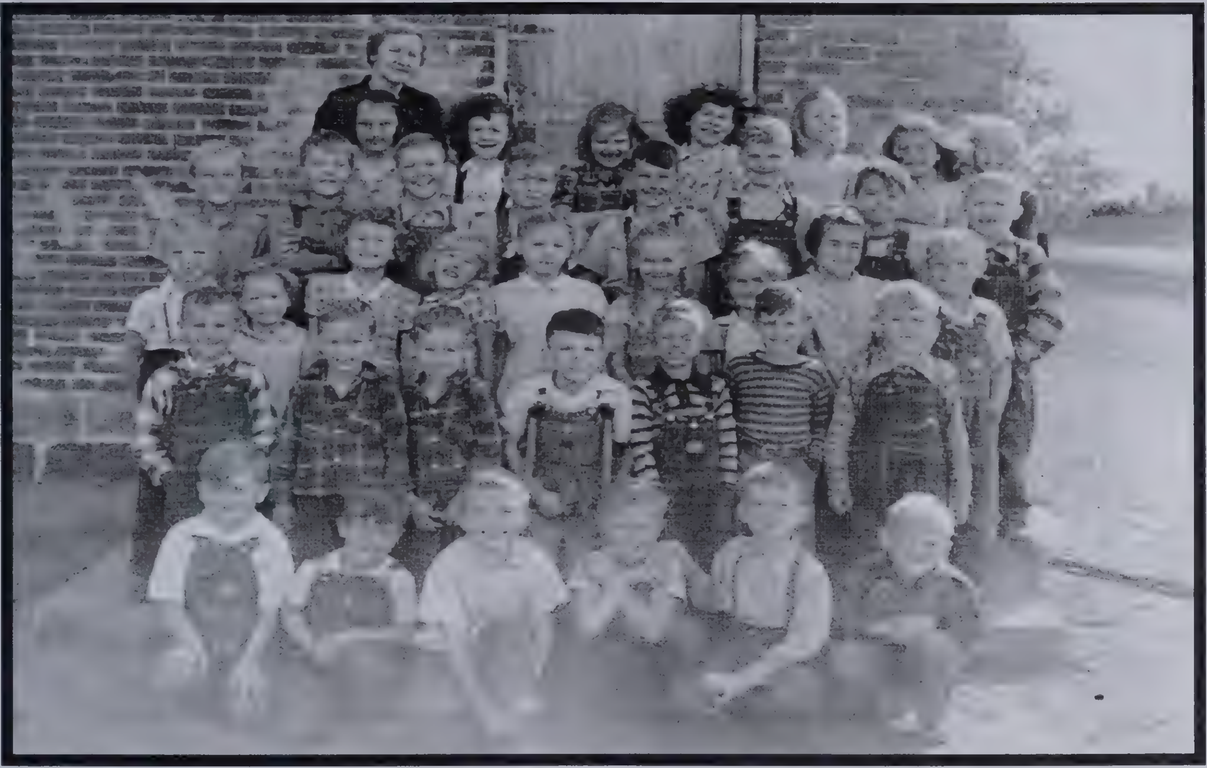
Row 2: _____________, Jack Badman, Donald Gurtner, Jeanette David, Lila Jean Kandel, Laura Jean Wagner, George King

Row 3: John King, Joyce Rosenberry, Rita Willennar, Max Trubey, Laura Lee VanWye, Shirley Shull

Row 4: Hal Musser, Ed Shull, Elizabeth Lautzenhiser, Ron Maxwell, Eleanor Beard, Paul Trubey, Gerald McConnell

Row 5: Rose Griffith, teacher

# Jerusalem School
# 1948-1949



Jerusalem School, 1948-1949

Row 1 (bottom: Cloyce Baxter, Jerry Creager, _______________, Leslie Nelson, Ronnie Grable, Larry Harrold

Row 2: Jerry Hamman, Jim McKean, Jerry McKean, Eugene Weicht, Larry Gurtner, Dale Reinhold, Larry Cramer

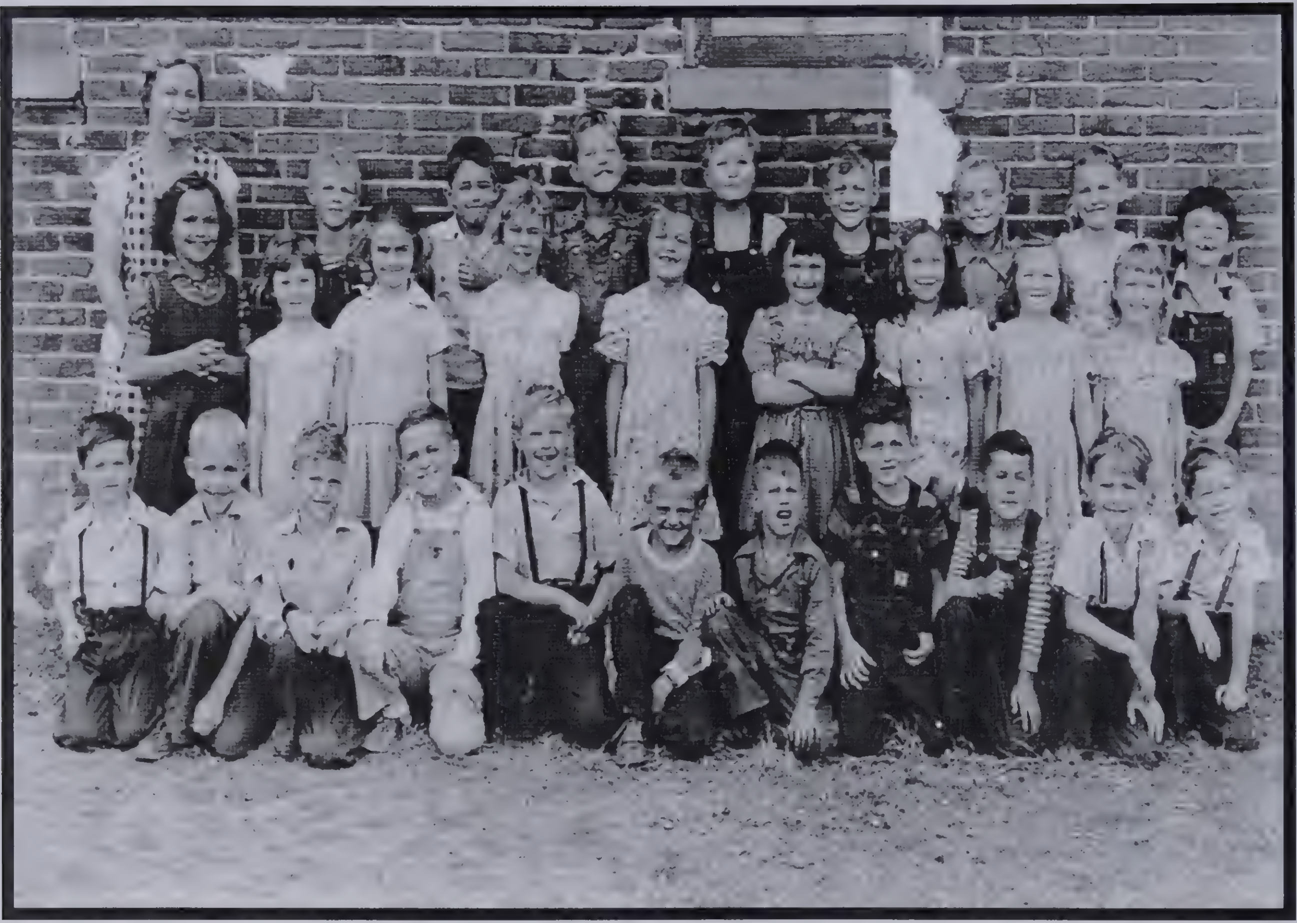
Row 3: Charles Presley, Lynn Alexander, Patty Potoraski, Kay Shafer, Iris Trubey, Carolyn Getts, Patricia Getts, Marilyn Durst, Harold Baxter

Row 4: ___________, Marvin McConnell, Bernard Rickman, Leonard Royal, Paul Houlton, Mark Trubey, John Lautzenhiser, Bill Farmer

Row 5: Lila Jean Kandel, ____________, Elaine Harrold, Janet Magginnis, Imogene Presley Donna Weicht, Gloria Miser

Row 6: Rose Griffith, teacher

# Jerusalem School
# 1949-1950



Jerusalem School, 1949-1950

Row 1 (front): Devy Myers, Bill Farmer, Larry Gurtner, Cloyce Baxter, Leslie Nelson, Larry Harrold, Doug Chipman, _____ Rosenberry, Johnny Myers, Jim McKean, Jerry McKean

Row 2: Carol Goller, Lynn Alexander, Patricia Getts, Kay Ann Shafer, Mary Everhart, Mary Weicht, Deanna Shull, Eunice Tillman, Ann Alexander,

Row 3: Rose Griffith, teacher, Charles Presley, Johnny Lautzenhiser, Marvin McConnell, Leonard Royal, ______ Rosenberry, Harold Baxter, Iris Trubey, Eugene Weicht

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By Larry Gurtner

Our house was about 100 yards from the Taylors Corners school. One morning in the fall of the year my Dad had started a fire in the wood furnace in the basement by using newspapers as the starter fuel. Our house at the time had an old wood shingle roof. Sparks from the newspaper rose out of the chimney and started the roof on fire. We saw the smoke at the schoolhouse and other students and I went running to our house and started a bucket brigade and had the roof fire out before the fire department arrived. Thanks to Mr. Raymond Rensch (out teacher) and my fellow students there was not much damage to the house.

Also at Taylors Corners with Mr. Raymond Rensch as teacher, my older brother, Donald, was janitor for him. Donald had to go down to the schoolhouse and stoke and bank the old potbellied stove with coal every night and again in the morning, so that the building would be warmed up by the time the teacher and other students arrived However, when I was a student there they had taken out the potbellied stove and installed a two burner oil stove. I inherited the janitor job, but only had to go down at night and then in the morning to turn the burners up to a higher temperature to warm up the building. We both also swept the building every night and received $2 a week for that work. Now this was in 1951-1953 when I was a 4th and 5th grader. Not bad pay for a 10 - 11 years old student.

While at Franklin Center school, we typically would go across a field and to the adjoining woods to play on frozen iced in the woods during lunch time. Usually we would get wet and Mr. Edgar Willennar (our sixth, seventh and eighth grade teacher) would let us (make us) stand by the stove to dry out before we went home at the end of the day. Of course, up there we couldn't recited in class very well (our intention anyway) until we were dried off.

One of our favorited games to play at recesses was "Anti-over the schoolhouse." We would use a ball that we would throw over the school's roof and let roll down the other side to the opposing team and them if they caught it they would come running around the school and

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tag the other team and capture them for their side. The team that ended up with the most or all the players won. We would play that game year round. We also would play softball, basketball and Fox and Geese in the snow during the winter.

Our drinking water consisted of a hand pump from a well with a pipe attached with four or five holes in it to make the water squirt up so we could get a drink. One person would always have to man the pump handle. We would take turns pumping for each other. Our restroom facilities consisted of a boys and a girls outhouse, usually situated behind the schoolhouse. You would raise one or two fingers in the air if you needed to be excused to the privy, that way the teacher new what your needs were.

By the time we got to the sixth two fingers in the air if you needed to be excused to the privy, that way the teacher knew what your needs were.

By the time we got to the sixth seventh and eighth grades most of the boys and some of the girls would ride bikes to Franklin Center For some of us it was up to two miles and other maybe a little longer, but only in good weather. Otherwise we rode the bus.

We had three buses that picked students up in Franklin township and delivered us to Jerusalem, Taylors Corners and Franklin Center school.

I believe our three bus drivers were "Mr. Walter Hammond, Howard Newcomer and Elmer and Millie Gaff.

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# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By George King

My Memories!

### Jerusalem

They installed a swing set behind the building when I was in first or second grade, and Woody Blaker pushed me so hard and then dared me to junp out  Well I hit the corner of the school and to this day have a scar in the middle of my forehead to prove it.

Mrs. Griffith, our first grade teacher, was the wife of a former sheriff. I well remember times when she would hand-cuff Woody Blaker to his desk as punishment for bad behavior. Try to imagine that happening today.

### Taylors Corners

During a recess we hung Jerry Hamman (who was small) by his bib overall suspenders on coat hooks in the outer hallway. Boy was he and the teacher (Orlie Willennar) mad about that.

There was an incident when either Jack Badman or Ed Shull put rifle bullets in the pot belly stove, and they exploded like a bunch of fire crackers—hitting the cast iron causing it to shed sparks.

### Franklin Center

In the winter we went down the road to the west and ice skated on the pond in the corner of the woods. One time Roger Clark fell through or was pushed through the ice and got soaking cold head to foot. We were barred from going down there after that.

Mrs. Mary Bopp was a great teacher. We stayed with her after we moved to Florida in the 1980's. She had retired in Venice, FL. Her mind was very sharp, and she remembered a lot of detail of the years and names.

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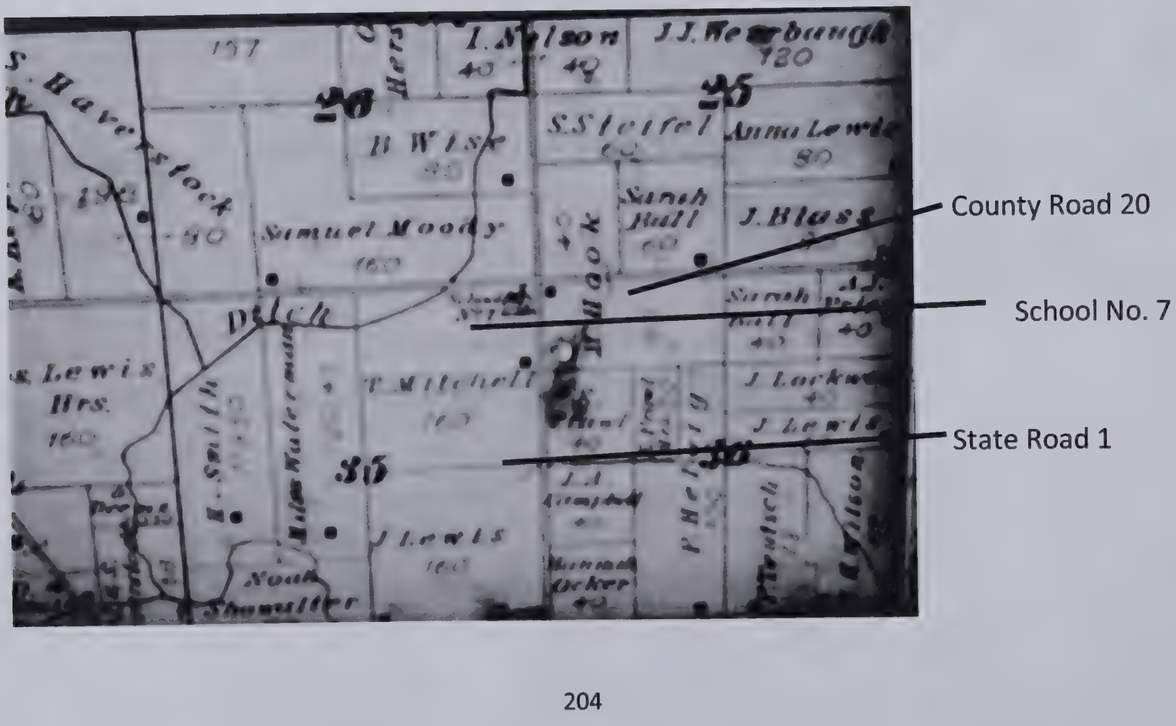
# HOOK SCHOOL

## Number 7 School
## State Road 1 and County Road 20

We could not locate any pictures of the Hook School


J.J. Wearbaugh
120
B Wise
S.S Steifel
Anna Lewis
80
Samuel Moody
160
Sarah Hall
J. Blass
Ditch
J. Lewis
County Road 20
School No. 7
State Road 1

### Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 7:**

"Find O. H. Taylor in charge of a small active school. His manner is winning. Methods "C. C. Bowden teacher began Nov. 7, 16 present-full enrollment- pupils men and women. Opened by reading chapter of scripture. Pupils in place and called. Room scrupulously clean. House small well-seated, warmed and lighted. A noisy time piece lets the fleetness of time. M. Houk Director valuable from vicinity and interest. Regret the school is so small. The only improvement larger districts. Good what there is of it, cheerful disposition, good order, all have work, small and large.

### Record of School Visitation while County Superintendent
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

**No. 7:**

Anna Dirrim, Grade 10, Jan. 12, 1881. There are 10 enrolled and all present. The first in this regard of 78 schools visited. Pupils are polite and respectful. Studious at seats and attentive at recitation. Several read with a free hand and natural tone exceptionally heard. Signals are low. Classes good size, uniform books.

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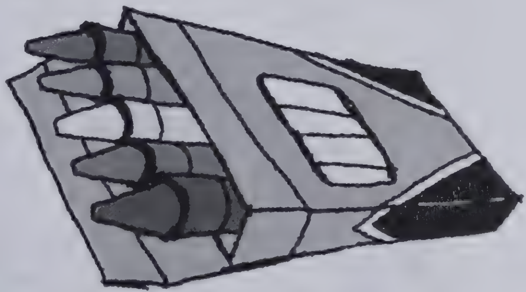
### Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 21, 1894

Report of School District No 7, Franklin Twp. for the month ending Dec. 7, 1894

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of pupils enrolled | 45 |
| Average daily attendance | 29 |
| Percent of attendance | 94 |
| No. pupils in Y.P.R.C, | 25 |
| No. books read | 53 |

Names of those neither absent, nor tardy during the month are: Maud Metcalf, Earl Lowe, Charley Firestone, George Metcalf, Burl Moughler, Adda Metcalf, Alta Metcalf, Elsie Fisher, Charley Wagner, Cloid Snyder, Frank Snyder, Willie Love, Garland Firestone, Blanch Firestone and Letha Love.

Susie Jennings, Teacher.



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### Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 4, 1895

North Wilmington

Franklin Twp. schools are now all in session.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 8, 1895

School Report of Dist. No. 7, Franklin Tp. for the month ending Nov. 1st, '95.

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|---|---|
| Number of pupils enrolled | 28 |
| Per cent of attendance | 94 |

The following are the names of those who were neither tardy nor absent during the month:

Earl Lowe
Geo. Iler
Verna Wagner
Garland Firestone
Blanche Firestone
Letha Love
James Thomas
Melva Lowe
Glen Moughler
Andy Love
Ivy Firestone
Ross Firestone

Those who were absent or tardy but once are:

Ikey Love
Roy Metcalf
Carrie Firestone
. Willis Iler

J. A. Lautzenheiser, Teacher

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 14, 1896

School Report

Of school Dist. No. 7, Franklin Tp. for the month ending Feb.7 1896.

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|---|---|
| Number of pupils enrolled | 44 |
| Average daily attendance | 40 |
| Per cent of attendance | 91 |

The names of those who were neither tardy nor absent during the month are:

Minnie Wagner, Alta Metcalf, Adda Metcalf, Elmer Lowe. Geo. Metcalf, Melva Lowe, Ikey Love, Chas. Wagner, Guy Firestone, Severnia Wagner, Maud Snyder, Andy Love, Letha Love,

Those who were either absent or tardy but once are Maud Metcalf, Burl Moughler, Clyde Snyder, Cloide Snyder, Clark Snyder.

J. A. Lautzenheiser, Teacher

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 30, 1896

Miss Bertha Sattison has resigned her position as teacher at No. 7.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Report No. 7

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|---|---|
| September 16, 1898<br>E. A. Praul,<br>washing towels school district No. 7 | 1.00 |
| E. A. Praul, per C. Hagerty,<br>mowing yard, cleaning school house and 8 yards towling | 4.75 |
| November 5, 1898<br>G. F. Praul,<br>repairs on school house No. 7 | .75 |
| January 21, 1899<br>J. H. Helwig,<br>repairing stove pipe No. 7 | .75 |
| February 11, 1899<br>S. W. Otis,<br>looking glass for school house No. 7 | .50 |
| March 17, 1899<br>O. A. Smith,<br>21 7-8 cords wood school house No. 7 | 20.50 |
| April 7, 1899<br>C. P. Hammon,<br>attending tp Institute | 11.20 |
| October 28, 1898<br>C. P. Hamman<br>teaching No. 7 | 40.00 |
| November 18, 1898<br>C. P. Hammon,<br>teaching No. 7 | 10.00 |
| December 20, 1898<br>C. P. Hamman<br>teaching No. 7 | 20.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>C. P. Hamman<br>teaching No. 7 | 154.00 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1900

Waterloo. News

C. P. Hammon had to close his school in the country last week on account of diphtheria

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board. Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. J. W. Brown, Township Trustee. Date Sept. 4, 1900

| | |
|---|---|
| 1899<br>Oct. 7 Isaac Nelson<br>cleaning sch. house No. 7 | 2.00 |
| 1900<br>Jan. 6 M. F. Campbell<br>insurance on school house No. 4, 7 and 9 | 19.00 |
| Aug 4 W. A. Barnes<br>mowing school yard Dist 7 | 1.00 |
| Jun 8 Jay Kepler<br>10 1/? cds wood school 7 | 10.75 |
| Jun 8 Jay Kepler, ranking at school 7 | .25 |
| 1900<br>Apr. 20 A. L. Shultz, teaching No, 7 | 231.00 |
| Apr. 20 A. L. Shultz,<br>attending institute | 11.55 |

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb county Indiana,
Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 17, 1903 | J. A. Campbell, | Insurance for No. 9, 4 & 7 | 23.00 |
| Jan 30 | C. M. Platt, | 15 cds wood No. 7 | 24.00 |
| Mar. 11 | Gladys Gratz, | bookcase No. 7 | 5.00 |
| Apr. 17 | G. Gratz, | Co. & Twp. Institute | 28.50 |
| Apr. 17 | G. Gratz, | teaching No. 7 | 332.00 |
| Sept. 7 | Jacob Cook, | Work No. 7 | 3.00 |
| Nov. 14 | Lulu Albright, | teaching No 7 | 25.00 |
| Dec. 4 | Lulu Albright, | teaching No. 7 | 5.00 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

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| Sept. 2, | Alonzo Matson, | cleaning chimneys pipes and stoves of No. 1 ,2 ,3 ,4, 6, 7, 9 | 10.00 |
| Sept. 23 | Mrs. Jacob Cook | cleaning sch. house #7 | 3.60 |
| Sept 25 | Theo Beaumont | papering school house No. 9 and 6 & ceiling of 7 & putting in glass | 3.35 |
| Oct. 7 | Byron Howlett, | repair'g ceiling No. 7 | 2.00 |
| Oct.21 | Doris M. Grogg, | teaching #7 | 36.27 |
| Nov.18 | Doris M. Grogg, | teaching #7 | 36.27 |
| Dec.16 | Doris M. Grogg, | teaching #7 | 40.00 |

DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
February 18, 1910

School No. 7 in Franklin township taught by Miss Mable Murch, observed Lincoln's birthday last Friday afternoon with readings, recitations, and songs, and a pleasant time was had in general

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
April 15, 1910

Spencerville
Miss Grogg, a teacher in the Spencerville schools, died Saturday. Her first sickness was the mumps. Still some say the mumps are not dangerous.

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
April 15, 1910

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended the funeral of Miss Doris Grogg at Auburn Monday. Miss Grogg taught two terms of school at No. 7 and had made many friends here during the time

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 28, 1910

Miss Dirrim, teacher at No.7 resigned her position and decided to take up the study of "Married life."

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 12, 1914

There will be a box social at the Hook school house two miles north of Butler, Friday evening, Nov. 13. Public is cordially invited and ladies requested to bring boxes. Miss Sherley Praul teacher

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Fort Wayne News,
Fort Wayne, Indiana
February 10, 1916

Misa Mary Clarke, the instructress of the Hook school pupils, of near Butler, spent from Friday evening until Sunday evening at Auburn, where she visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. .M. Clarke.

Butler High School, Butler, Indiana
Tropaeum 1920
Class of 1918

Helen Carpenter immediately after leaving high school took a twelve weeks Normal course at Tri-State College, Angola, Ind. Taught five months in the rural district the following winter. At the present time she is teaching Hook's School north of Butler.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 7, 1919

There will be a box social Friday night, March 7, at No. 7 school two miles north of Butler. Ladies please bring boxes.

Gertrude Orurg, teacher

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 5, 1925

Miss Ruth Haverstock, teacher of school No 7, of Franklin twp. entertained sixteen of her pupils Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Haverstock, at a masquerade party and as it was also the birthday anniversary of Myron Lowe, a birthday cake was included with the light refreshments. All enjoyed the evening

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
October 31, 1930

Jerusalem Notes

The young folks of class No. 2 of Jerusalem (Church) held a masquerade party in No. 7 school house Saturday evening.

Berdena Souder has infection in her face and is not able to attend school.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 20, 1931

Franklin township schools will all be opened this fall except Dutch Gap or No. 3 and Hook's or No. 7.

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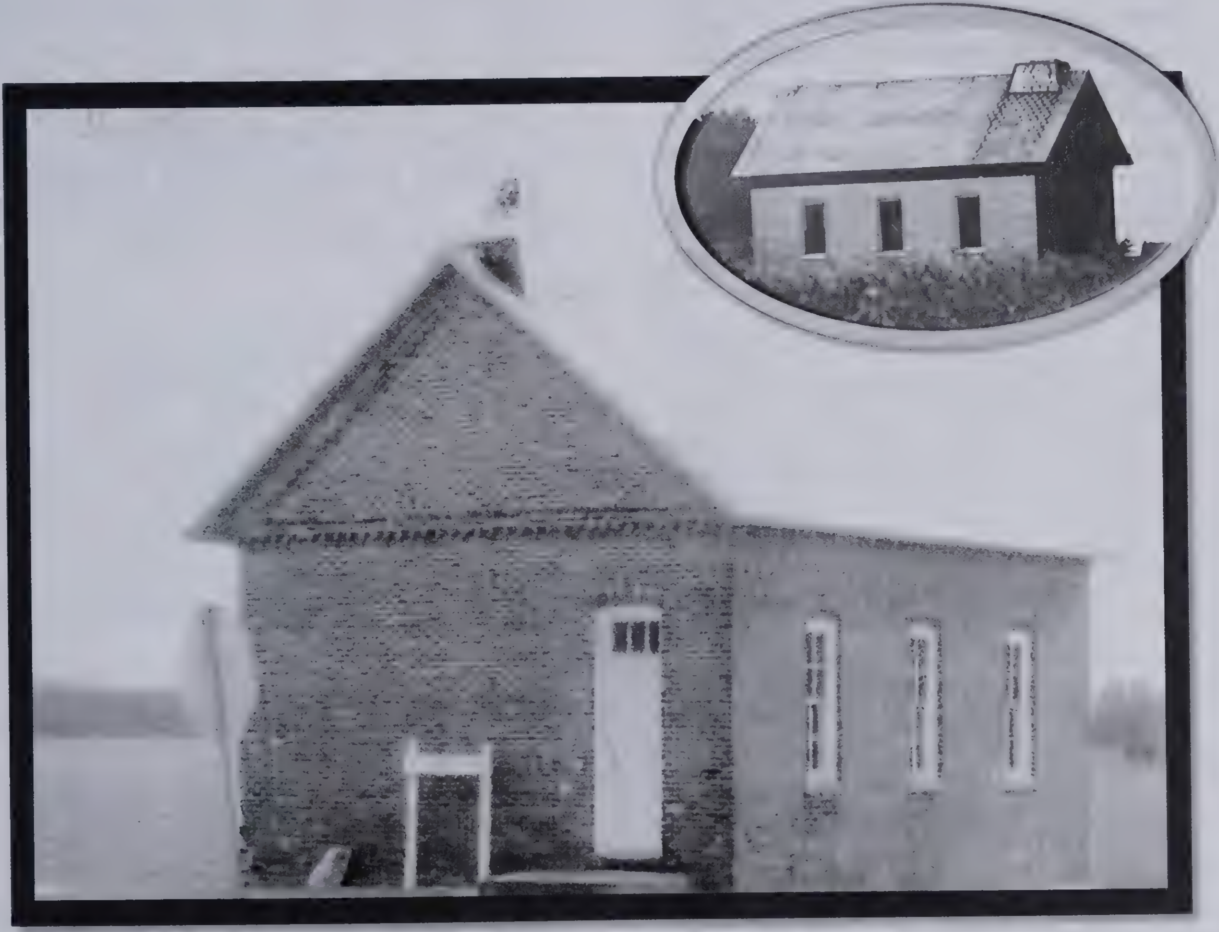
Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
October 3, 1937

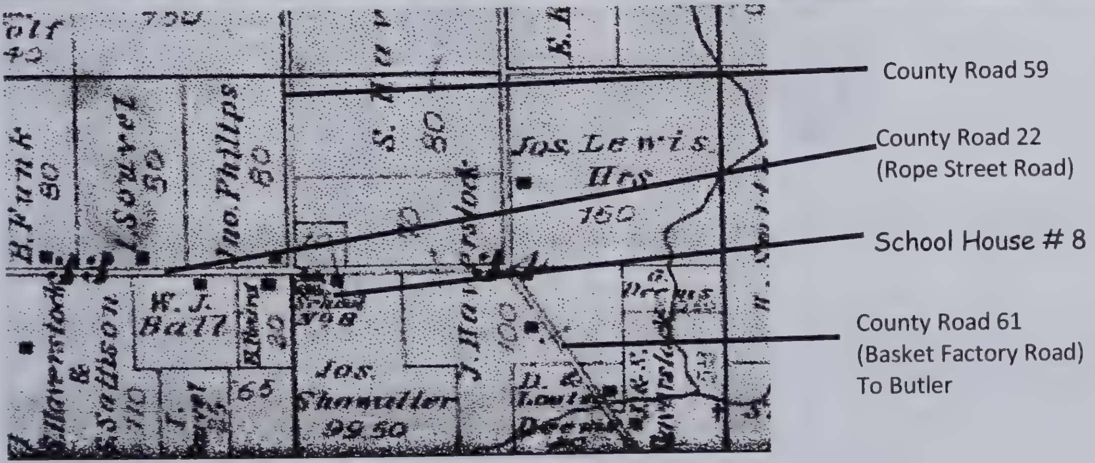
The pupils of the Jerusalem school and their teacher, Miss Mildred Getts, entertained their mothers at the school Friday afternoon. Games and contests were enjoyed by all, after which refreshments, consisting of doughnuts, apples, and pop corn balls and sweet cider were served.

# COLLEGE CORNERS SCHOOL

Number 8 School
southeast corner of County Road 22
and County Road 59

Closed fall of 1941




County Road 59
County Road 22
(Rope Street Road)
School House # 8
County Road 61
(Basket Factory Road)
To Butler
Jos. Lewis Hrs
160
Jno. Phillips
W. J. Ball
Jos. Shamller
99.50

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 8:**

Square, flat roofed, brick house, roomy and lightsome. Beard teacher. Roll 44 present 28. They are not disorderly but there is communication. No attempt at display but a strong desire to help. Classes well advance. 8th term of Beard. His is a moral religious man, married and is worthy. One of the best class of teachers, too old for ______ young enough to understand and incite the buoyant ____ of youth to efforts to lodge back in memory..

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
January 6, 1881
By W. H. McIntosh

**No. 8:**

Jan. 12, Lottie Brundage. Grade 10. Thirty present. Morning exercises cheerfully taken. No recitation seats. House kept scrupulously clean. Good order. Some watch class exercises. Some study diligently. Primer class taught to keep the place & time. Teacher is earnest, pleasant, interested. Reading taught. Definition read, marked words spelled. Small class recite well in Physiology.

Red Rover, Red Rover, send Susie right over

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 26, 1873

School District eight in Franklin township will have a new school house.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 26, 1894

The entertainment that was to have been held at No. 8 was postponed on account of rain.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 27, 1894

College Corners
The entertainment that was to have been held at No 8 as postponed on account of rain.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1894

School has commenced with 28 pupils enrolled.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 5, 1894

Clara King was not able to attend school on account of sickness

Miss Alma Love who has been working in waterloo this past summer came home last week to attend school.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 14, 1894

College Corners
School is closed in district No. 8, on account of diphtheria. If there are no more cases school will begin again Monday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 14, 1894

College Corners
School commenced Monday morning

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 21, 1894

Pearl Huyck visited Mamie Waterman and other friends near No. 4 last week.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 28, 1984

School No.. 8 closed this week for a week vacation.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
January 11, 1895

No school last week and this on account of the diphtheria scarce (scare).

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 1, 1895

North Franklin

Last Saturday they held teacher's institute at the center. Several teacher's encountered some difficulty in getting through the snow drifts.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1895

Erwin Funk is somewhat under the weather. He is unable to attend school.

(Note he was probably about 15-16. He was sick most of his childhood and teenage years,)

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1895

School No. 8 expects to celebrate Washington's birthday

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
May 3, 1895

College Corners

School closed at No. 8 last Saturday. The teacher, Miss Grazt, treated the scholars to warm taffy.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 1, 1895

College Corners.

This is the last week of the fall term of Franklin schools.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 21, 1896

The school at No. 8 will observe Washington's birthday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 27, 1896

Several of the scholars have scarlet rash and it is reported that Marion Haverstock's children have scarlet fever.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 24, 1896

School closed at No. 8 last Thursday with a great big dinner and several good speeches. There was a number of the mothers of the neighborhood in attendance as was also Mrs. Maggie Sholtz and daughter Winnie, of Butler. We wonder if all the teaches left the house and yard looking as nice as our school ma'am did.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
July 3, 1896

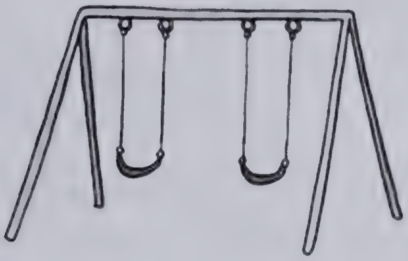
Some of the young people of the neighborhood attended the Alumni banquet held at Ezra Lautzenheiser's last Friday evening.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 28, 1896

College Corners
The school ma'ams are in Auburn this week, Miss Rilla Newcomer is to wield the rod at No. 8 this coming summer (if necessary).

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
October 16, 1896

College Corners
The teacher at No. 8 has adopted the rule of ringing the bell when she dismisses school of which we approve.



Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 20, 1896

College Corners
Miss Bessie Sattison visited the school at No. 8 Monday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 4, 1896

College Corners
Warren Ramsey who has been working in Hamilton, is attending school at the corners. Burley Haverstock is also a new scholar.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 11, 1896

College Corners
Charley Norrigan fell on his way to school one morning last week and injured on of his limbs quite severely.

Supt. Merica visited No. 8 school last Friday and took dinner with Wm. Whetsel.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
February 6, 1897

There was no school at No. 8 the latter part of last week on account of the illness of teacher, Miss Newcomer .

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 16, 1897

College Corners

School closes this week, Wednesday with songs, recitations and a big dinner

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 19, 1897

College Corners
Albert Shultz was on the sick list last week and missed two days of school.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1897

A literacy has been organized a College Corners , with Luther Higley as President

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 19, 1898

Misses Pearl and Mayme Huyck are home from school spending their vacation. Miss Pearl expects to teach in Churubusco and Miss Mayme in Franklin township the coming year.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 18, 1898

Ervin Funk has again resumed his studies in the Butler schools after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness.

J. Lautzenheiser, teacher at No. 8 is boarding at Wm. Ball's.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
December 30, 1898

College Corners
J. Lautzenheiser, the teacher at No.8 treated his pupils very liberally to candy and nuts last Friday.

Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
August 11, 1899

College Corners

Miss Mayme Huyck is home from Angola school

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25 1899

Trustee's Expenses No. 8

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|---|---|
| November 5, 1898<br>Mrs. W. J. Ball per W. J. B Combs,<br>tin cups, broom dis. No. 8 . | .33 |
| W. J. Ball,<br>cleaning school house No. 8 | 2.50 |
| November 14, 1898<br>A. H. Haley,<br>paper, papering, repairing bell<br>No. 8 | 3.70 |
| April 7, 1899<br>J. A. Lautzenheiser,<br>attending tp institute | 11.20 |
| July 1, 1899<br>J. Haverstock,<br>12 3/4 cord wood at school house<br>No. 8 | 15.30 |
| December 30, 1898<br>J. A. Lautzenhouser<br>teaching No. 8 | 50.00 |
| March 18, 1899<br>J. A. Lautzenheiser<br>teaching No. 8 | 75.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>J. A. Lautzenheiser<br>teaching No. 8 | 29.00 |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1899

College Corners
Our school numbers twelve pupils at the Corners.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 27, 1899

College Corners

Miss Pearl Huyck of the Angola school is home for a few days vacation

Miss Clara King of the Waterloo school spent the Sabbath with her parents.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 24, 1899

College Corners

Miss McCurdy teacher at No. 8, is boarding at Mrs. Funk's.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 5, 1900

College Corners

Sam Haverstock, who is home from Angola school, has been on the sick list.

Miss Hazel Haverstock, who is attending school in Butler, is home on her vacation.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana.
J. W. Brown, Township Trustee. Dated Sept. 4, 1900.

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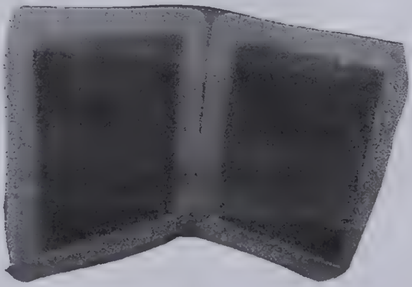
| 1899 | |
| Oct. 7 A. H. Haley, cleaning school house No. 8 | 2.00 |
| Oct. 30 Sadie McCurdy teaching No.8 | 28.00 |
| Nov. 11 Sadie McCurdy teaching No 8 | 15.00 |
| Dec. 21 Sadie McCurdy teaching No. 8 | 35.00 |
| 1900 | |
| Feb. 10 Sadie McCurdy teaching No. 8 | 27.00 |
| Apr. 20 Sadie McCurdy teaching No. 8 | 105.00 |
| Apr, 20 Sadie McCurdy attending institute. | 10.50 |



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 21, 1900

Miss Florence Kittridge is the teacher at No. 8. She is boarding at A. Haley's.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1900

College Corners

Erwin (Ervin) Funk is attending school at Butler. He will board at home.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 22, 1901

College Corners

Earl Lowe was home rom Angola school over Sunday

Pearl Huyck was home over Sunday.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 4, 1901

College Corners

Misses Clara King and Detie Tomlinson visited school last week,

School closes Friday of this week.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
May 10, 1901

College Corners

Miss Pearl Huyck spent the Sabbath wither sister, Mrs. George McClellan at Pleasant Chapel

Miss Mayme Huyck visited in Waterloo over Sunday,

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 4, 1901

College Corners

Miss Pearl Huyck and brother Earl, spent Sunday in Detroit visiting their brother Charles.

DeKalb County Herald
Butler, Indiana
March 14, 1902

School closes at College Corners next Thursday.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 1904

Township Trustee's Financial Report to the Advisory Board of Franklin township DeKalb county Indiana,
Dated Jan 5, 1904.
D. Lochamier, Trustee

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|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 16, 1903 | Geo King, | hauling wood 9 to 8 | 3.00 |
| Mar 12 | Jos. Wyatt | fixing pump No. 8 | 4.50 |
| Mar. 27 | Albert Newcomer, | hauling wood from 9 to 8 | 2.50 |
| Apr. 7 | E. J. Lowe, | teaching No. 8 | 308.00 |
| | E. J. Lowe, | Co. & Twp. institute | 24.20 |
| | E. J. Lowe | supplies and Labor | 1.50 |
| May 12 | Butler Co. | repairing bell No. 8 | .40 |
| Sept 7 | Lena Tomilison, | work No. 8 | 3.00 |
| Oct. 24 | O. E. Tarbox, | teaching No.8 | ?5.00 |
| Nov. 9 | J. H. Stausberry, | pump No.8 | 5.00 |
| Nov. 21 | H. C. Mann, | hauling and setting up 2 stoves No. 1 & 8 | 1.50 |
| Dec.16 | O. E. Tarbox, | teaching No. 8 | 40.00 |

Trustee's Service Account
Jan. 14, 1903
Visiting school No. 8 2.00

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
May 27, 1904

Letter from Lewis Rude

"...I am glad you have a reporter from "College Corners" again, that place is very interesting to me as my old home and it seems but a few days ago that you and my children was agoning to school there. But time passes and what a change. I sometimes get a little lonesome to see some of my old friends out there, as for the last 23 years I have not seen a near relative or old friend of my youth.

I would like to speak of our old school house that I use to go to 1/2 mille North of College Corners. It was a log "pen" in the woods, but we had lots of fun there but it played out over 50 years ago.

Then we had to go to school in the old log church at Rude's Corners and old Dr. Miller kept the school one winter, 47 years ago. We all did about as we pleased and as there were about 50 of us we had some fun. If you don't believe it ask H. M. Showalter or Jonathan Haverstock, they were there and lots more around Butler.

Lewis W. Rude

Please Note agoning is what is in the paper

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905)

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| Apr. 1, 1905 O. E. Tarbox teaching No. 8 | 208.05 |
| Apr. 7, O. E. Tarbox attending institute | 16.15 |
| Dec. 19, H. K. Leas, insurance, assessment on school house No 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 | 6.66 |

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
June 15, 1906

The Franklin township commencement was held at Pleasant View church on Thursday evening June 14. They had fifteen graduates who were as follows: James M. Lowe, Wavah Elsie Everetts, Tina Clark, Iva D. Lewis, Lee W. Hodges, Blanche Smith, Marion Jackman, Edna Pearl Ford. Vesta Pearl Lautzenhiser, Lois May Snyder, Leslie Hamman, Gertrude Everetts, Edna M. Wolfe, Audra Holton and Wendell Scott.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 16. 1907

College Corners

The many friends of Miss Pearl Huyck will be glad to hear she has been successful in securing a position as principal of the school at Pacific Grove. The place is situated about one hundred miles south of San Francisco, Cal. Her cousin who lived in San Francisco moved there to give her a home. She has just entered upon her work there and is very much pleased with it.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 20, 1907

School No. 8 began Monday morning with Miss Bess Lewis as teacher. We hear there are 28 names enrolled and there will be more later on.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 10, 1908

College Corner

School closed Friday afternoon with a program by the school, consisting of music and recitations. There were several visitors present.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 18, 1908

College Corner

School commenced Monday with Miss Hotchkins of Auburn as teacher.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 11, 1908

Lyle Huyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Huyck, died in Fort Wayne Tuesday morning, Dec.8., from acute cardiac dilation, aged 17 years and 20 days. The body was brought home Tuesday evening and the funeral services were held at the home Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Internment at Waterloo.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 11, 1908

College Corner

J. L. Huyck and family received the sad news of the death of their daughter Miss Lyle Huyck of Fort Wayne Tuesday morning. Miss Mayme Huyck went over to Fort Wayne and brought her body home for burial, the family have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 18, 1908

OBITUARY FOR LISLE HUYCK

Lisle Huyck was born in Franklin township, DeKalb county, Ind., Nov. 17,1891 and died in Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec.8, 1908, aged 17 years and 21 days,

In her infancy she was attacked with brain fever from which her nervous system never recovered. She was kind and affectionate of disposition and unselfish in the extreme. These infestations so marked in her life will be cheer and consolation in the memory of those who loved her.

Funeral services were at the house, Thursday, Dec. 10, conducted by E. F. Albertson. Interment at Waterloo.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 1, 1909

College Corner

School is closed at No. 8 this week the teacher and scholars are taking a vacation.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler , Indiana
February 12, 1909

Nearly all the children in the neighborhood have been sick but at last accounts they were improving.

Gutchins, teacher at No. 8 spent Saturday with his parents in Auburn.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
February 19, 1909

College Corner
Misses Grace and Blanche Whetsel are absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
April 9, 1909

College Corner
School closed last Friday at College Corner with a big dinner and a short program by the little folks. Jay Goetchins, the teacher made a number of friends during his stay among us who are sorry to see him go.

Charles Ball and wife made a little surprise for Jay Goetchins who has been boarding with them during the winter. The evening was spent making taffy and having a good time.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
September 24, 1909

College Corner
School commenced Monday morning with Miss Mayme Huyck as teacher. Twenty eight pupils enrolled.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
October 22, 1909

There will be a Hallowe'en social at the residence of J. T. Huyck Friday evening, Oct.29, the proceeds to be used in purchasing books for the school library at College Corners, Ghosts, goblins, and witches will be in evidence. Everybody come and a jolly good time is assured.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
December 18, 1909

Estella and Elmer Gaff were absent from school the first of the week on account of the illness of Mrs. Gaff.

The Misses Ruth and Ruby Mark, Ethie Mann and Mary Miller were absent from school last week on account of sickness

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 31, 1909

College Corner
School is closed at No.8 for a week vacation.

School No. 8, Miss Mayme Huyck, teacher, gave an entertainment Friday afternoon. The house was decorated very nicely. The teacher received a very handsome vase and some other gifts from the school and the scholars received a very generous treat from the teacher. The program was excellent. There were a number of visitors present.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
January 11, 1910

College Corners
Ralph Keplar is absent from school this week on account of a severe attack of tonsolitis.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
February 25, 1910

College Corners
Misses Florence Spake and Estella Gaff of District No. 8, were successful in the Spelling contest held at Franklin Center, Feb. 19, the final contest will be at Auburn March 5th.

Mrs. Henry Clarke of Quarryille, Pa., most heartily thanks her friends and old school mates for so kindly remembering her with a shower of birthday postals, Feb. 12

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
March 24, 1910

College Corners
Mayme Huyck dismissed school Tuesday to attend Mr. Ocker's funeral. Next Saturday is the last day.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
September 9. 1910

College Corners
George and Florence Spake are attending school in Butler.
NOTE: George, 14, and Florence 16, graduated from College Corners School in June of 1910. They will be boarding with their sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Spake.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
September 23. 1910

College Corners
School has commenced for another year and we are glad as it seem like there is something doing. A. L. Shultz is teacher.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
February 10, 1911

George Spake started to School Monday morning after being absent two weeks on account of having had the measles. The rest of the Spake family who have had the measles are improving and will be able to return to their school work in a few days.

DeKalb County Herald, Butler, IN
March 11, 1911

College Corners
Doris Ball was absent from school this week.

DeKalb County Herald, Butler, IN
March 17, 1911

College Corners
Herbert Fridenberger was absent from school a part of last week on account of sickness.

Miss Florence Spake who been attending school in Butler has decided to not continue as she will soon move to Ohio.

Note: Herbert Fridenberger had a sister Mary age 11 and a brother Howard age 8 that would have been in school about this time. (Census record for 1910)

DeKalb County Herald, Butler, IN
March 17 1911

College Corners
There was no school Monday on account of the illness of the teacher.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
July 14, 1911

A School in the Clouds
Miss Mayme Huyck, of Franklin left Waterloo, Wednesday, to resume her duties as teacher. She is teaching in the clouds. Her school is at the top of the mountains in western Wyoming. The little school house is built in the same yard that holds the home of the three children, her only pupils. Only one family in the large school district and this gives the Indiana girl plenty of time to sew and read. The climate is exceedingly healthy and hot waves are unknown. The nearest town is Cameron, thirteen miles away. (copied from Dispatch).
NOTE: Mayme Huyck taught at College Corners in the school year ending June 1911.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
September 22, 1911

College Corners
School commenced Monday with Miss Grace Whetsel as teacher. We anticipate a pleasant and profitable school year.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, IN
December 8, 1911

College Corner school house was treated to new paper on the walls and a coat of paint on the blackboard, Thanksgiving week. Ervin Funk and Cy Dixon did the work

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 14, 1911

College Corners school house has been improved by being repapered and the blackboards repainted

DeKalb County Record, Butler, Indiana
February 22, 1912

College Corners
Charles Fetters was absent from school Monday on account of a sore throat.

Miss Grace Whetsel attended the institute at Franklin Center, Saturday and spent Sunday with J. Waterman and family

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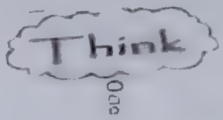
DeKalb County Herald, Butler, Indiana
March 21, 1912

College Corners
Miss B. Whetsel entertained the Senior class from the Butler High School Tuesday evening.

A two course luncheon was served and the evening was spent in games and contests.



Butler Weekly Record, Butler, Indiana
August 16, 1912

Ervin Funk is painting the buildings at No. 8.

Ervin Funk painting and papering school No. 7, 8, and 9.

DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
September 17, 1912

College Corners
School commenced Monday with Miss Grace Whetsel as teacher. There are twenty-six pupils enrolled.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 20, 1912

The schools of Franklin township began Monday, Miss Grace Whetsel is teaching at College Corners and her sister, Miss Blanch, is welding the rod at Bonny Dell.

Butler Weekly Record, Butler, Indiana
November 22, 1912

A box social will be held at No. 8 school house in Franklin township Friday evening, proceeds for the school library.

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 1, 1913

Mayme Huyck, who has been teaching school up in the mountains of Montana for several years, has finally become a bride and was married January 12, to a young "rancher"

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 16, 1913

Miss Mayme Huyck, a former Butler girl, was married to Mr. Earl Jones of Viola, Mont., on Sunday, January 12. Miss Huyck has been teaching school in that wild and wooly country and her helpmeet a rancher. The bride's many Butler friends will be pleased to know that she was able to find a man even though she went a long distance. She is the daughter of John Huyck, a prominent farmer living north of this city.

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 24, 1913

College Corners
Miss Doris Ball was absent from school last week on account of an injury to her foot caused by falling on the ice.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
March 13, 1914

College Corners
We had school Saturday to make up for lost time.

Butler Weekly Record
Butler, Indiana
August 28, 1914

College Corners.
Misses Grace and Blanche Whetsel attended the institute at Auburn

Note: Grace graduated from College Corners in 1905. She taught schools at Number 9 and Number 8. She married Karl A. Kypes September 18, 1915 and was living in Pioneer, Ohio in 1920
Blanche graduated from College Corners in 1908. Graduated from Butler High School in 1912 and taught No. 1 in Grant township and at Bonney Dell. Blanche Whetsel reigned supreme in the school room for several terms and then engaged in office work at North Manchester, Indiana.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 10, 1916

There will be a box social held at College Corners School House, Wednesday evening. Nov. 15.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 24, 1916

College Corners
Miss Bessie Phelps spent Wednesday night with Miss Anna Ball and Miss Emily Fuller visited with Miss Dorothy Haverstock and attended the box social at College Corners.

The Box Social at College Corners school house Wednesday night was a decided success.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 23, 1917

College Corners
Velma Haverstock was absent from school Wednesday because of sickness.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 9, 1917

College Corners
Sunday being Helen Haverstock's ninth birthday, a number of friends were invited to a surprise party in her honor. Those preset were, Eldora Cherry, Ruth. Dorothy, Fay and John Haverstock. Lima and Carol Markel, Margaret Ball, Arco and Vada Sattison and her aunt Amos Osgun.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 20, 1917

College Corners
This is the last week of school at College Corners.

DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
June 27, 1917

College Corners
Ralph Kepler, Dorothy Nichols, Oland Fetter, Wayne Gunsenhouser, and Howard Fridenberger were among those that graduated Wednesday. Also their parents attended the exercises.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
July 20, 1917

College Corners
Last Friday evening a number of friends of Anna Ball came to help her celebrate her sixteenth birthday. Ice Cream and cake were served. Those present were Emily Fuller, Bessie Phelps, Kermit Oberlin, Ralph Campbell, Ralph Brown, Millard Tyson, Willard Underhill, Oland Fetter, Lida Mottinger, Dorothy Haverstock, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Bryant and son, John.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 31, 1917

College Corners
Velma Haverstock is attending teacher's Institute at Auburn this week.
Note: Velma graduated from College Corners in 1913. She is teaching in rural schools in Wilmington township.

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DeKalb County Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 14, 1917

College Corners
School will open Monday with a Mr. Rhodabaugh as teacher at College Corners.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 1, 1918

College Corners
Mildred Keller has been absent from school for several days on account of sickness.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 28, 1918

Hamilton
So many of the male teachers have gone to the war, and the lady teachers are working for the government; the trustees are having hard work, finding teachers for county schools, some schools are closed and the pupils sent to other places. A. C. Shultz is teaching at Bonny Dell after leading a farmer's life for several years.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 8, 1918

Franklin
School began here Monday after being closed the past four weeks on account of the Spanish influenza.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 29, 1918

Franklin

Harry Rodabaugh, teacher at No. 8 took sick with influenza last week and had to dismiss school. A number of the pupils are also ill with the same.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
July 24, 1924

The College Corner annual picnic and reunion will be held in Enfield's pavilion at Hamilton next Sunday. All friends and acquaintances as well as former residents are invited. If it will not be convenient to bring a well-filled basket, come any way. There will surely be enough dinner for all.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
July 31, 1924

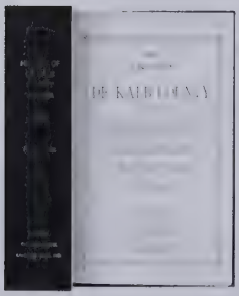
**COLLEGE CORNER PICNIC**

The College Corners folks held their annual picnic and reunion at Enfield's Park, Hamilton, last Sunday. There were something like 125 to150 people present and a big dinner served in the Enfield Pavilion.

Some folks attended and met friends they had not seen for 30 years. Two of the old time school teachers at College Corners were present, Julia Soul and Lottie Brundage and after the dinner, they made appropriate speeches.

Mrs. Laura Sawvel Wiles, with her husband and son of Bluffton, were present and related some reminiscences of old times. She expects to make an effort to get members of the graduating class in which she was a member to attend the picnic next year.

Mr. Kingsley was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs. Chas. Kepler was elected secretary and the date set for next year is the last Sunday in July.



Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 1, 1925

## ALBERT BEARD DIES

Albert Beard, a life-long resident of this county, most of the time in or near Butler, died at the home of his nephew, Calvin Beard, in Butler, Saturday evening following a two weeks' illness.

Mr. Beard was a school teacher in his younger days and the Editor was one of his pupils at College Corner school house. He was a real live teacher and would get his pupils to do stunts in school work that was fun instead of drudgery.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 2, 1928

## COLLEGE CORNER PICNIC

The College Corner Homecoming and Picnic was held at Circle Park, Hamilton, last Sunday, with a good attendance. Those n attendance from a distance were:

Wm. Shultz, Middelbury, In; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Husselman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young, Mr. and Mrs. F W. Hendricks and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hendricks all of Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Myrtle Oiler and three children of Hillsdale, Mich.; Carmon Oiler, od Highland, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kraft of Spencerville; Alfred Little of Angola; Mrs. and Mrs. Leo Kuler and Alonzo King of Edon, O.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rosenbury of Huntington, and Mrs. and Mrs. Cjeve Rose of Edon, O., and others whose names we did not get.

The Editor was elected President for next year and Mrs. Dora Richards, Sec. Treas. We will endeavor to arrange or a good time next year.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 6, 1928

Franklin

Miss Josephine Getts., a former pupil of Franklin Center, is teaching at College Corners.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 18, 1928

## REUNION OF SCHOOL MATES - COLLEGE CORNERS

A reunion of the school mates and friends of Mrs. Bertha Sattison Haley, of Salem, Oregon, was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Sattison, Sunday.

A pot luck dinner was served and the day was very pleasantly spent in reminiscences of youthful days.

Those present from a distance were: Mrs. Mary Funk Rude, Ervin Funk, Mrs. Winifred Shultz Husselman, Miss Arco and Vada Sattison and brother Delmer.

Those from near home were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kepler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ball, Mrs. Ida Kepler Blaker, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fetter, Ms. Mate Ocker Maxwell and son Frank, Earl King and wife, Sarah Ocker Fridenberger, Mrs. Clara Ball Fry and husband, Frank Funk, Shannon Shultz, Ed Handy, besides others of immediate relatives.

Mrs. Haley and her son and daughter expect to start sometime next week on their homeward trip, which will take them over a southern route, through Texas to visit Mr. Haley's brother, Arthur Haley.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
February 1, 1929

Franklin Center Notes
The ice being too bad last Friday, Miss Josephine Getts was unable to get to her school at College Corners

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
April 17. 1930

Ralph, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam King has been quite ill with pneumonia following measles.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
July 20, 1933

The twelfth annual picnic and home coming of neighbors and school mates of College Corners will be held at Circle Park, Hamilton Lake, on Sunday, July 30th. All are cordially invited.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
December 27, 1934

The College Corner school, taught by Mrs. Olive Wagner, enjoyed a tree, program and treat on Friday afternoon, with nearly all the school patrons present.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
July 18, 1935

The annual College Corner picnic will be held July 28 in the grove north of College Corner school. Pot-luck dinner served at 12 C.S.T. Program, Ball game, Ice Cream..

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
April 21, 1938

Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn, teacher at the College Corner school, Franklin Township, took her pupils for a picnic to the state park north of Angola last Friday, which they all enjoyed, as this was the first visit to the park by many of the pupils. Mrs. Kuehn was assisted in taking the children by the Misses Mildred Gaff and Irene Robbins.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
April 28, 1938

College Corners School Closes
A very successful school year closed last Friday at the College Corner school in Franklin Township. At noon a bountiful potluck dinner was served to 45.
Owing to the small number of pupils, no program was given, but the teacher, Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn passed out the grade cards, presented the five pupils with pins and bracelet and certificates for perfect attendance. The pupils receiving awards for perfect attendance were Jeanette Friedenberger, Marceline and Sue Robbins, Hulda Norrick and Donzella Smith

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
May 5, 1938

Phyllis Sattison was the only eighth grade graduate from College corner School this year.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 11, 1938

## COLLEGE CORNER HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC REUNION

The annual College Corner picnic which was held at the Gleaner Hall Sunday, was well attended. Ninety-three being present at the noon hour to enjoy the elaborate carry-in dinner after which a splendid program was given.

The main feature of the program was a one-act play entitled "Taking Father's Place," directed by Francis Nelson. The cast included, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freidenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Weicht, Kenneth Ridge, Donald Maginnis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl King.

Those from a distance who attended the reunion were; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Snyder and Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Arlington, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlinson and children of Battle Creek, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stuart, Mrs. Edith Bowman and Miss Olive Nowrot of Detroit, and many others from nearby Ohio and Indiana cities. Ice cream and cake were served later in the afternoon.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 16, 1938

The Bonny Dell school, with Flora Belle Kuehn as teacher, will have a Christmas entertainment of the Friday afternoon before Christmas.

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
April 29, 1939

## College Corner School Closed

Friday brought to a close a very successful school year for the teacher, Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn and her fifty pupils of the College Corners school on Rope Street. This was Mrs. Kuehn's fourth year at this school. At the noon hour the parents and a number of Mrs. Kuehn's former pupils and neighbors came with well filled baskets and all enjoyed a bountiful potluck dinner. Four of the pupils and parents were unable to attend on account of chicken pox. The afternoon was spent visiting. The following pupils received certificates for perfect attendance: Eileen Carpenter, Marceline and Sue Robbins and the girls each received a box of candy from their teacher

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 1, 1939

South Franklin

Mrs. Keith Beebe of Butler, will teach the school at Bonny Dell this year.

Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn of Waterloo, will teach College Corners school this year. School will begin Sept. 5th.

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
April 17, 1941

Friday brought to a close a very successful school year for the pupils of College Corner's school, and the teacher, Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn. At the noon hour, parents and friends came to the school with a bountiful pot luck dinner which was enjoyed by all. After dinner the teacher passed out the grade cards and the following received certificates for being neither tardy or absent during the school year: Jeanette Freidenberger, Mareline Sue and Allen Robbins and Jimmie Mayer.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
August 7, 1941

The annual College Corner picnic will be held on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alba Seltenright on August 11. Basket dinner at noon

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 5, 1941

South Franklin
There will be no school at College Corners this year. Pupils in this district will be transferred to another district.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 2, 1951

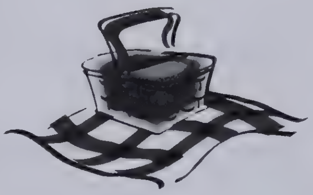
The Annual College Corners picnic will be held at the Gleaner Hall on Rope Street road Sunday, August 12th. All who attended school at College Corners, old teachers and friend of the community are invited to attend. Basket dinner at noon.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 16, 1951

### .COLLEGE CORNERS ANNUAL PICNIC

100 Attend 31st Meeting Sunday

The thirty-first annual picnic of College Corners was held on Sunday at the Gleaner hall with 100 present. Mr. and Mrs. Harruff of Arizona came the greatest distance to attend, Mr. Wayne Durst is the president of the coming year with Mrs. Virgil Bonecutter as sec'y and treasurer. Group singing was led by Mrs. Ralph King with Miss Christina Nelson at the piano. Miss Kyu Oha Lee of Korea sang several songs and gave a talk on her country. Piano solos were given by Virginia Fair, Virginia Sattison and Jessta Bonecutter of Bronson, Mich. Recitation by Carol Galler, songs by Reva and Virginia Sattison and vocal solo Maurice Bonecutter and a guitar solo by Jack Nelson; There were 15 present who had attended all eight years at this school The three teachers present were Florabelle Kuhen of Waterloo, Mrs. Gertrude Anthony of Waterloo and Mr. Charles Krise of Auburn. The latter gave an interesting talk naming many of his old pupils and many College Corner teachers. Among those from out of town were Mrs. Ella Fifer of Hamilton, Mrs. Georgia Young and daughter of Fort Wayne, Mr. Maurice Bonecutter of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. C. H Kuehn of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Libey of Hudson, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. John Harruff of Arizona and Mrs. Erma Eakright of Garrett.



Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 16, 1951

Mr. Louis Ridge attended the College Corners reunion last Sunday which was held at the Gleaner Hall. Mr. Ridge met quite a number of his old neighbors and friends, including Mr. Alvah Ramsey of Auburn whom he had not seen for more than fifty years.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 15, 1957

## ANNUAL PICNIC AT COLLEGE CORNERS

The thirty-sixth annual College Corners picnic was held at the Gleaner Hall on Rope Street Road in Franklin township in DeKalb county, Sunday August 11. There were fifty -three in attendance who enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner.

Several people who hadn't been attending for the last several years were among the group.

Mrs. Bessie Lowe and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Thurber. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reese and children, Lucile Clark, Mrs. Lena Rager and in he afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Matson and Mr. and Mrs. George Russell Matson came making fifty-seven for the attendance for the ay.

A short program and business meeting was held in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Gerald Anthony, Belva Mutsfeld led the group in singing, "America, The Beautiful" and "My Bonnie" with Arco Geller at the piano. Mrs. Mareta Mutzfed, in charge of the program gave the devotions an a poem "This Old Car>" George Russell Matson gave a very good short talk.. Alonzo Matson gave a few remarks. A couple of readings that Vera Haverstock had learned when she was in school were read, one by Mrs. Ina Kitchen the other by Carol Geller, Joe Ordell Anthony played a couple of pieces on his accordion..

A list of the teachers who taught at College Corners was read which was interesting and as follows: Orton Tarbox, John Lauzenhiser, Bertha Sattison, Eva Turner, Albert Shultz, Hattie Firestone, Blanche Whetsel, Grace Whetsel,, Anna Dirrim Anna Merril, Reuben Sawvel, Kate Kingsley, Ed Fisher, Howard Mountz, Bertha Huyck, Commodore Hamman, Ida Gratz, Letha Kiplinger, Julia Soules, Minnie Kepler, Harry Radabaugh, Louise Willock Waldo Anthony, Olive Gurtner Wagner, Arnold Fee, Gail Wynkopp Brand, Bessie Jennings, Glen Harger, Gertrude Newcomer Anthony, Mable Clark, Florabelle Dixon Kuehen, Georgia Dickson, Lottie Brundage, Irene Campbell, Charlie Krise, Cleota Moore Crick, Jennie Murch, L. C. Wynkopp, Jay Stoy, Rilla Newcomer and McCague Brown.

The officers for 1957 College Corners picnic are President Gerald Anthony, Vice President Paul Kitchen, Secretary and Treasurer Gertrude Anthony and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Ina Kitchen,

Program and entertainment committee, Chairmans, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Metzfeld, Mr. and Mrs. James Goller, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Freidenberg Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Sattison.

Table, coffee and cold drink committee chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King,,, Miss Vera Haverstock, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farrington.

Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
August 21, 1958

## 42 ATTEND ANNUAL COLLEGE CORNERS PICNIC

College Corner's picnic was held Sunday, August 8 at the Gleaner's Hall on Rope Street in Franklin township. There were forty-two who enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner together visiting an reminiscing.

Four called in the afternoon making the total attendance forty-six.

The president, Gerald Anthony, called the meeting to order in the afternoon. Group sang "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean" and "I Need Jesus" at the beginning of the meeting and "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" at the close of the meeting led by Gertrude Anthony with Arco Goller at the piano.

Devotions "Turning To God For Prayer," by Ina Kitchen. Several very good readings were given. "Patriotism To The Vest Pocket Book" by Bessie Sattison, Enlightenment," by Edna King, "Is It Today I'm Living," by Ina Kitchen. Little Ronald Kitchen played several pieces on his fluto-phone "French Horn Solo, " by Carol Goller.

A couple of contests were conducted among the children, which caused lots of fun for the children and adults. Blowing up balloons and bursting them and blowing bubbles with bubble gum.

Arco Goller conducted the program.

A short business meeting was held.

Secretary Gertrude Anthony read a couple of interesting letters which had been sent expressing their disappointment that they were unable to attend. One was from Mrs. Cleota Moore Crick of Anderson and the other one from John Lautzenhiser of Edon, Ohio. He also enclosed a very good poem which gave all food for thought.

As there were several at the Bonny Dell school picnic last fall who were interested in attending both College Corner's and Bonny Dell's school picnics when it is possible for them to do so, expressed wishes the two could be combined and held at the same place and time. This was discussed at the College Corner's picnic.

It was decided they would be willing to combine if Bonny Dell group as a whole will be willing to do so. It was decided that all 1958 officers and those on the 1958 committees remain for 1959. They decided to hold their 1959 picnic the first Sunday after Labor Day in September; unless they do combine with Bonny Dell School picnic which perhaps will make different arrangements.

All report a very enjoyable time and glad to see those who haven't attended for a long time.

Those being present are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kitchen and sons, Miss Vera Haverstock, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King,, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Norrick, Franklin Norrick, Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Burkmire and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farrington and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ford McKintosh, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rose, Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sattison, Mrs. Ora Newcomer, Mrs. Rosa Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. James Goller and children,, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anthony. Afternoon callers were: Mr. Howard Nelson and son Jim and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuehn.

Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
October 23, 1959

## BONNEY DELL AND COLLEGE CORNERS REUNION HELD

The third Bonney Dell and College Corners reunion was held on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Gleaner Hall on Rope Street road in Franklin township. About 125 pupils and their children enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner at noon and enjoyed reminiscing and meeting old friends

The president, L. C. Hodges, called the group together for a short business meeting and a very good program which was prepared by a committee composed of Mrs. Hazel Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kitchen, Vera Haverstock , Mr. and Mrs. Earl King.

Hazel Kauffman led the group in singing "America," with Arco Geller at the piano , and group singing.

Devotions were given by Ina Kitchen. Cindy Beatty prepared three tap dance numbers. A skit by the Kitchen children and Burkmire children was enjoyed by all. Arco Geller accompanied the children at the piano. A cracker and bubble gum contest was enjoyed by the children who were present.

Charles Wolfe gave an interesting report of the life of Ruby Shultz which was recently published. (Record Herald says he read in the Steuben Republican paper). John Lautzenhiser gave a short talk and then Hazel Kauffman led the group in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" with Arco Geller at the piano.

A piano solo by Kathy Laub, a recitation "Learning New Things" by Ricky Kitchen, a flute-phone solo by Roger Kitchen and a reading "Why The Editor Left Town" by Ina Kitchen, were given. L. C. Hodges gave a short talk of days gone by .

A silent prayer was given for those we knew of that passé away during the past year. They were: Mrs. Ollie Dixon Crain, Charles Haverstock, Ora Deems and Jay Mark.

Results of the election for the 1960 picnic: Edward Miser, president; Charles Wolfe, vice-president; Gertrude Anthony, secretary-treasurer; Ina Kitchen, ass't secretary=treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Snyder, chaplain; program committee, Hazel Kauffman and Ina Kitchen and any other they think they may need; hall committee Mr. and Mrs. William Miser, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neidic, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Norrick and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sattison.

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Record Herald, Butler, ,Indiana
October 20, 1960

## COLLEGE CORNERS HOLDS 40TH REUNION

The fortieth reunion of the College Corners School and community picnic and the fourth reunion of the Bonney Dell school and community picnic held a combined meeting, Sunday, October 9 at Gleaner Hall on Rope Street road in Franklin township.

Fifty were present for a delicious carry in dinner. Several came in after dinner making the total of sixty-present to enjoy a short program and an afternoon of friendly and neighborly visiting. Several came from a distance

William Miser acting as president, in the absence of both president and vice president. Charles Wolfe called the meeting to order. Devotions were given by Mrs. Elmer Snyder. Along with her devotions she read a poem, "It's The Little Things In Life That Count."

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Mrs. Hazel Kauffman was in charge of the program. Ina Kitchen was also on the program committee but was unable to be present.

Hazel Kauffman led the group in singing several songs, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," with Irene Shultz at the piano.

Hazel Kauffman read a poem "Mother Love."

Cindy Beatty gave several tap dance numbers.

A short business meeting was held. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Cards and letters were read from the president and vice president expressing their wishes to the group and regret for being unable to be present. All committees were thanked for their efforts also wishes from the president.

Nominating committee: Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sattison, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs. Mabel Spake and Frank Norrick met and prepared ballots for election of officers for the forty-first College Corners School and community reunion and fifth Bonney Dell school and community reunion and combined picnic which is to meet the second Sunday in October, 1961 at the Gleaner Hall on Rope Street Road.

The following are the results President, William Miser; vice president, Charles Wolfe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs.. Duane Houser; assistant secretary, Hazel Kauffman; Program committee Gertrude Anthony and Mabel Frakes for Bonney Dell, Ina Kitchen and Vera Haverstock for College Corners.

Kitchen committee, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sattison, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Norrick, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newcomer.

Nominating committee: Mr. Franklin Norrick, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bonecutter and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neidic.

Chaplain Mrs. Elmer Snyder

There were several short talks by Russell Matson, L. C. Hodges, Loren Dixon and Jesse Bonecuttter.

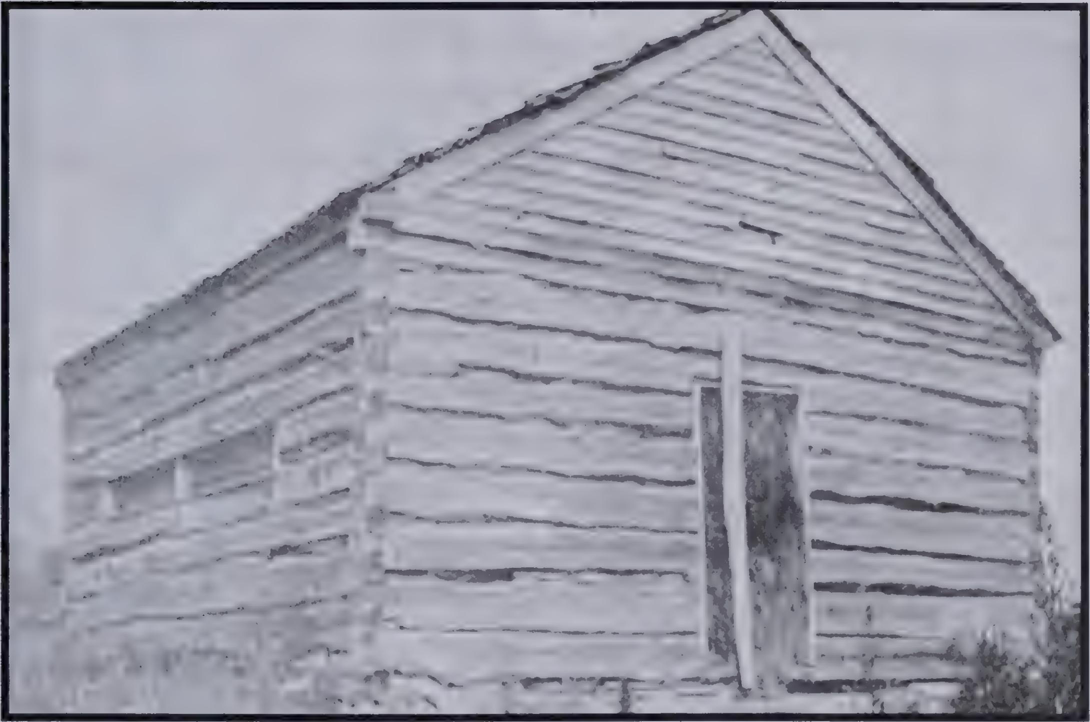
It was found that Fred Gingrich was the oldest school pupil from the little red brick school houses Bonney Dell No. 9 and College Corners No. 8 in Franklin township, DeKalb county that was present He has attended both schools during his school days grade education.

Everyone report having a very enjoyable day and seeing old friends once again

# MCQUEEN SCHOOL

Number 9 School #1
south side of County Road 22 between
County Road 47 and County Road 49
- 1886

**Relocated at**
County Road 20 and County Road 51
1886 -

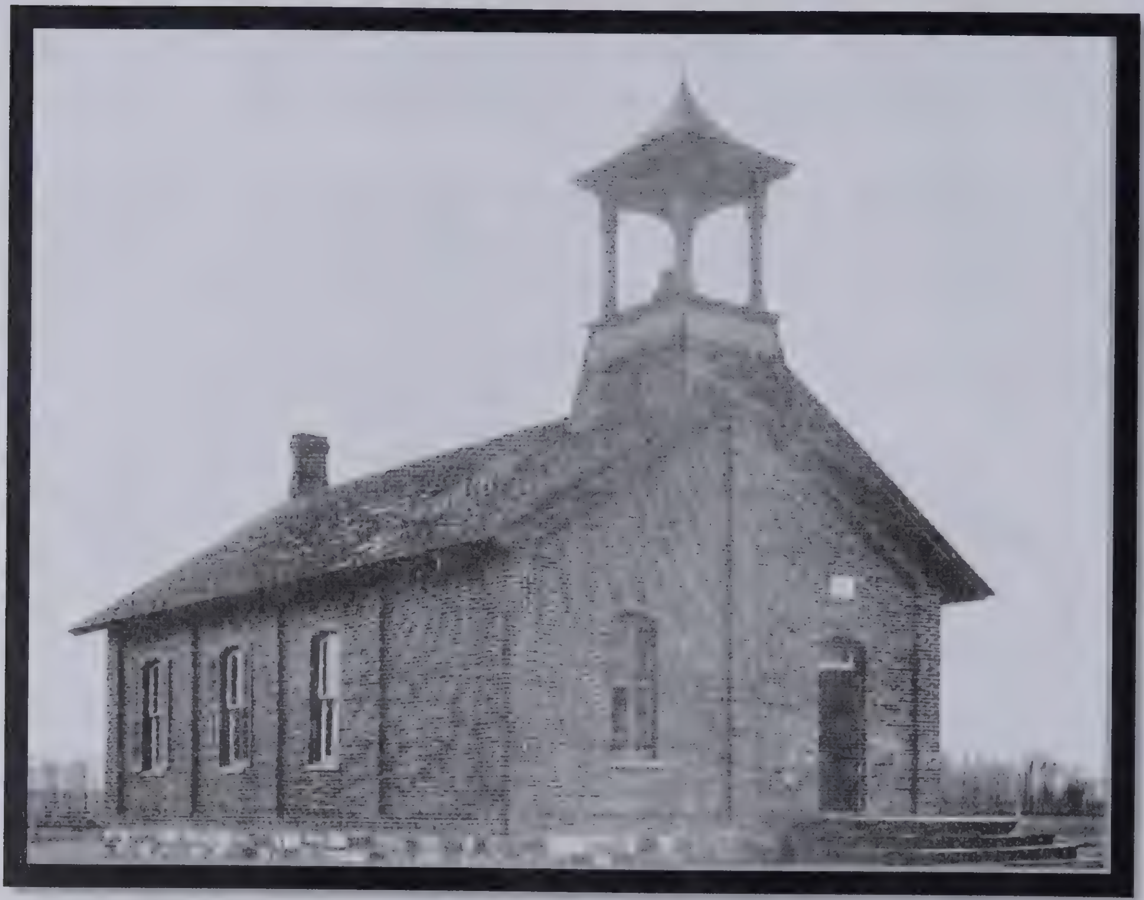


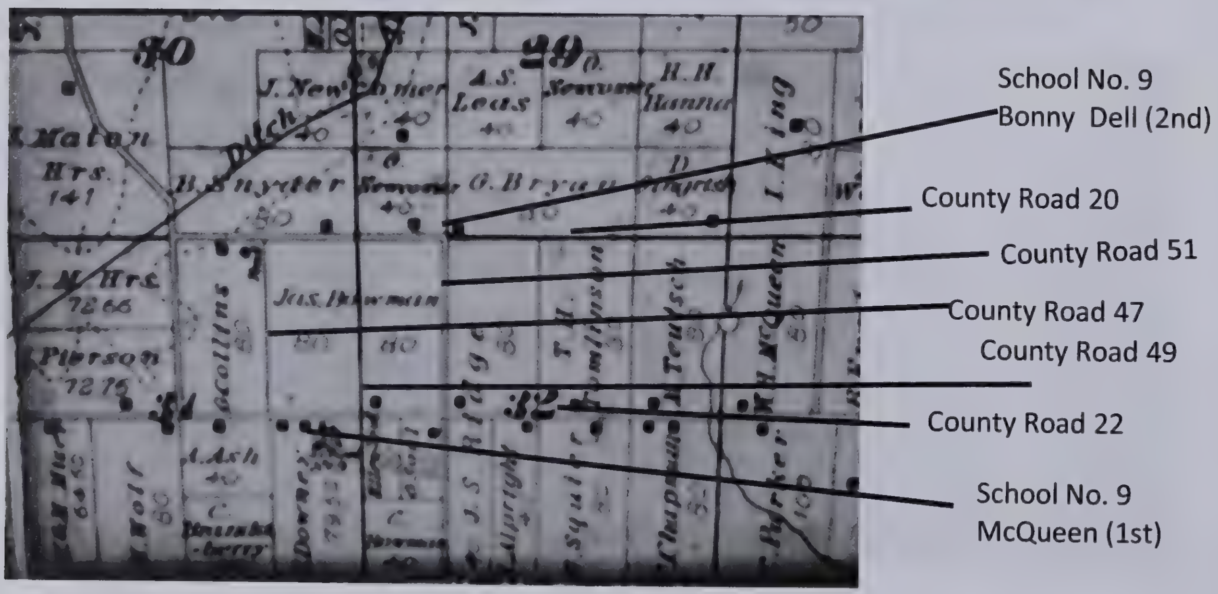
There were no pictures of the original McQueen school that we could locate.

According to the 1880 De Kalb County Atlas this is where the McQueen School was located on County Road 22 east of Waterloo, Indiana. The school would have been at the fence row

# BONNY DELL SCHOOL

Number 9 school #2
County Road 20 and County Road 51
1886- 1942




School No. 9
Bonny Dell (2nd)
County Road 20
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School No. 9
McQueen (1st)

# MCQUEEN SCHOOL

Class book of Sarah Jane Duncan
January 7 1856

Class book of Sarah Jane Duncan for school #__9_?
Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana Jan 7, 1856

Female Student Ages:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Susan Jones | 13 | Francis Jones | 16 |
| Lucy McQueen | 18 | Mary McColoster | 6 |
| Clary Madson | 16 | Francis McColoster | 4 |
| Lida A. Madson | 9 | Mary Jane Jones | 6 |
| Maria Person | 13 | Elizabeth Person | ? |
| Elnora albright | 11 | Maria Newcomer | 14 |
| Emley T. McColoster | 9 | Barbara Newcomer | 17 |
| Adaline Albright | 9 | Martha Boley | 6 |
| Sarah Person | 11 | Emeline Person | 6 |
| Cornelia Jones | 10 | | |

Males Ages:

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|---|---|---|---|
| James Madson | 13 | William Brin | 8 |
| Cavin McQueen | 14 | George Madson | 5 |
| John Volwy | 11 | Ervin Bogue | 9 |
| Luis Madson | 11 | George Newcumer | 9 |
| George Person | 8 | Christin Newcumer | 8 |
| Pery Boley | 8 | Joseph Newcumer | 12 |
| Edward Jones | 8 | John Person | 10 |
| Walter Boley | 15 | James Brine | 6 |
| David Person | 12 | Miles Bullard | 14 |
| Luther Boley | 16 | Lorn Bullard | 5 |
| Clover Albright | 16 | | |

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
July 4, 1872

A Basket meeting will be held in the grove, near McQueen's School House, in Franklin Township, July 14, 1872. under the auspices of the Wesleyan Methodists. Rev. A Worth is expected to be present. Persons attending are requested to bring their own provisions.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
February 13, 1873

School Exhibition

The scholars and others in District 9, Franklin, contemplate giving a grand exhibition at their school house, in three weeks from tonight. The entertainment will consist of plays, tableauz dialogue, etc.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 15, 1874

Literary Society

The teachers, scholars and others, in district No. 9, Franklin, have organized a literary society, which meets on Friday evening of each week. An interesting programme is arranged for t-morrow evening, and all are invited to attend.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
September 28, 1876

Republican Meetings

H. W. McBride and B. C. Stoug will address the people of McQueen's (No 9) School House, in Franklin, on Saturday evening, Sept. 30, 1876

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
October 5, 1876

A pole was raised at No. 9 in Franklin, Saturday evening. At the meeting, R. McBride and others made speeches.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
October 5, 1876

An enthusiastic Republican meeting at Parker's school house in Franklin, Wednesday evening was addressed by Dr. Johnston and J. M. Somers.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
August 21, 1879

A children's S. S. meeting was held at No. 9, Franklin last Sunday evening.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

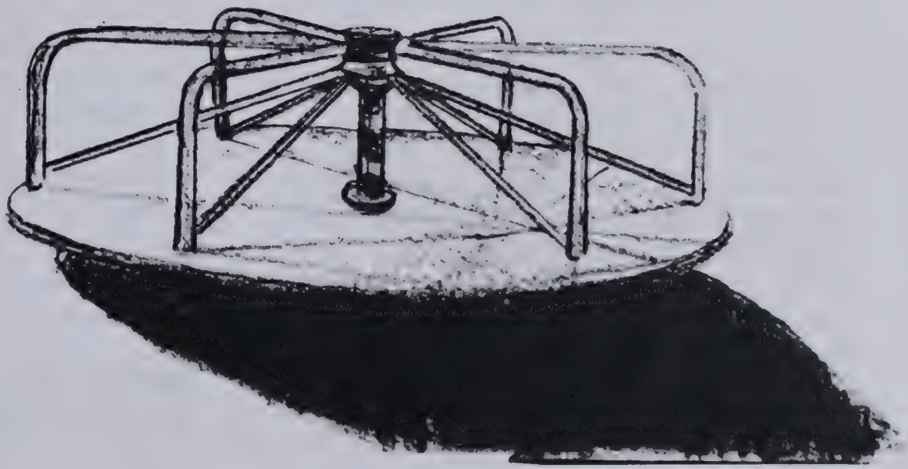
**No. 9:**

Ride from Auburn. House medium. Old seats, board. Need recitation seats, 21 present. No complaint. The teacher Alvin Jennings is quiet self-conscious ____ capable and ____. Classes move on without friction. They show a good stage of advancement and interest. Reading is better taught them learned. Marked contrast with other schools

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W, H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

**No. 9:**

Jan. 11, Reuben Sawville, Grade 8. Twenty present, Reading called one to five. A simple program. All write. Teacher supplies ink, variety of books, copies and without. Sawville has had much experience and has been uniformly successful



# BONNY DELL SCHOOL

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
June 22, 1885

Trustee Taylor purchased one acre of ground in section thirty-two, Franklin township on last Monday, for a school site, of Mrs. Caroline Hodges. Price seventy-five dollars.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 27, 1887

The school at Bonny Dell will have literary exercises next Friday.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
September 13, 1888

The school at Bonny Dell, begins today, with Nina Deitrick as teacher.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 3, 1889

Bonny Dell, District No. 9, Franklin township: month ending Dec. 21. 1888. Number of pupils enrolled. 31; average daily attendance, 29; average per cent of attendance, 89. Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy, Oliver Collins, Mattie Oberlin, Amanda Ridge, Arthur Parker, Nora Oberlin, Rilla Newcomer, Louis Clement, Malinda Oberlin, Arna Newcomer, Lena Rose, Jimmie Snyder, Walter Miser, Guy Clement, Frankie Snyder and Elmer Newcomer. Those absent buy one day: Lund Newcomer, Freddie Gingrich, Gilbert Ginrich, Bertie Rose, Eber Oberlin, Ora Hodge and Lot Oberlin.

Nina B. Deitrick, Teacher

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 18, 1889

Miss Anna Ramsey, a former teacher at Bonny Dell, but now of the Auburn schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this neighborhood.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 2, 1889

Rev. W. H. Mygrant closed his series of meetings at Bonny Dell school house on last Sunday evening on account of school beginning. He preached some powerful sermons that left their impressions for good throughout the community. He also made many friends while here. There were three accessions to the church.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
December 19, 1889

Bonny Dell will have a Christmas tree on Christmas eve .

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
January 30, 1890

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder, Mrs. Miser, Jennie Wolf, Ida Clement and Eliza Mark were the visitors at Bonny Dell School last week, and report the school in a flourishing condition, under the management of Ed. Beard.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 9, 1894

College Corners News

Oliver Collins of near Bonny Dell and Miss Jennie Boyd of near Moores attended church at the school house Sunday evening.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
April 5, 1895

Albert Schultz will commence work for W. J. Shultz as soon as his school closes at Bonny Dell.

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Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
September 23, 1897

There is one young man of Bonny Dell who believes In having the cage before be catches the bird, or at least It looks that way. The schools of the town ship open today, one week late

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
November 19, 1897

College Corners

Since the roads got muddy Miss Mayme Huyck drives back and forth from her school at Bonny Dell each day,

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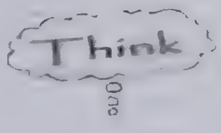
Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 3, 1898

There. were several visitors from other schools at Bonny Dell Friday afternoon. We enjoyed the pleasure of a visit to the school at Bonny Dell last Friday, the occasion being, to celebrate the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. The house was handsomely decorated with flags and pictures and the teacher had prepared a fine program which was carried out by the scholars, all of whom did credit to themselves and teacher. The patrons of the school and others of the neighbors had prepared a splendid dinner, of which all partook with a relish, we think, for it disappeared in a very short time. There were chickens and cakes, pie and pickles. potato salad and cold slaw, and every thing good one could think of, and last but not least, was Mrs. C. Cliapman's jug of tea, which was relished by all lovers of tea. We supposed there would be many a tear shed when we informed them it was our last time at a gathering at Bonny Dell but nary a tear did we see. We think the teacher, Miss Mayme Huyck, deserves much credit for the pains and - time taken to drill the scholars. Everyone thinks it the nicest time the Bonny Dell school ever had. There were between sixty - five and seventy that took a part in the dinner exercises, but not as many in the other exercises.



Butler Record, Butler, Indiana
March 25, 1898

Miss Mayme Huyck expects to go to Valparaiso to attend school as soon as her school closes at Bonny Dell

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
August 25, 1899

Trustee's Expenses No. 9

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|---|---|
| October 11, 1898<br>G. Wolff,<br>2 brooms, soap, stove polish for school No. 9 | .70 |
| April 7, 1899<br>Hattie G. Firestone,<br>attending tp Institute | 11.20 |
| April 25, 1899<br>J. C. Hodge,<br>8 1/2 cords wood school house No. 9 | 6.29 |
| November 12, 1898<br>Hattie G. Firestone<br>teaching No. 9 | 35.00 |
| December 17, 1898<br>Hattie G. Firestone<br>teaching No. 9 | 25.00 |
| February 18, 1899<br>Hattie G. Firestone<br>teaching No. 9 | 10.00 |
| April 7, 1899<br>Hattie G. Firestone<br>teaching No. 9 | 169.00 |

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
March 1, 1900

The Bonny Dell young people gave a two-night entertainment last week and the gross receipts were $16.30. W. H. Wilkins, of this place, assisted the players in rendering "Hearts and Diamonds" and also gave some specialties.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 4, 1900

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Township Trustee's financial report to the Advisory Board, Franklin Township DeKalb County, Indiana. J.W. Brown, Township Trustee. Dated Sept. 4, 1900

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| 1899 | |
| Oct. 7 Geo. Matson<br>cleaning sch house and mowing yard etc. No. 9 | 3.50 |
| Oct. 7 Geo. Matson<br>broom, matches, pail, cup and blacking | .90 |
| 1900 | |
| Jan. 6 M. . Campbell<br>insurance on school house 4, 7 and 9 | 19.00 |
| Jan. 19 Geo. Matson<br>18 1/? cds wood school house No. 9 | 14.49 |
| Aug. 7 George Matson<br>broom, wash and basin Dist 9 | .60 |
| Aug. 7 George Matson<br>ditching hole at well and hauling tile for same | 2.00 |
| Nov. 4 Florence Kittridge<br>teaching No. 9 | 39.00 |
| Dec. 16 Florence Kittridge<br>teaching N.o. 9 | 31.00 |
| 1900. | |
| Apr. 20 Florence Kittridge<br>teaching No. 9 | 140.00 |
| Apr, 20 Florence Kittridge | |

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 19, 1906

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to the Advisory Board. M. J. Waterman, Trustee. (Trustee did not supply the school taught by the individual teachers; we have tried to research the teachers and what school they taught at that time. We do know that they were teachers in Franklin Township for 1905).

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| Mar.13, 1905 | A. L. Shultz, attending institute | 19.40 |
| Mar. 6, | Cyrus Dixon wood for No. 9 | 7.09 |
| Mar.17, | Sam'l Crowl, 8 cd wood for No. 9 | 12.00 |
| May 13, | A. L. Shultz, teaching | 385.00 |
| Sept. 2, | Alonzo Matson, cleaning chimneys pipes and stoves of No. 1,2,3,4,6,7,9 | 10.00 |
| Sept. 25 | Theo Beaumont papering school house No. 9 and 8 and ceiling of 7 and putting in glass. | 13.35 |

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DeKalb County Herald,
Butler, Indiana
September 17, 1912

College Corners

Miss Blanche Whetsel is teaching at Boney Dell.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 20, 1912

The schools of Franklin township began Monday, Miss Grace Whetsel is teaching College Corners and her sister, Miss Blanch, is welding the rod at Bonney Dell.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
October 29, 1915

Walter Miser, a former Franklin township boy, has become general superintendent of Illinois Traction System. He began as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Ry. at Ft. Wayne. He took up the study of electrical engineering, entered the service of Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co., and filled various positions until he is now head of one of the biggest traction companies in the country. This is an example of what a farmer boy can e of himself if he goes at it

NOTE: Walter Miser graduated on June 24, 1896 from Franklin School #9.

Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 11, 1916

West Franklin

The Bonny Dell School will spend Friday afternoon with Taylor's Corners school in honor of Washington's birthday, with a program they have prepared.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
February 25. 1916

West Franklin

Estchr, aged 11 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Newcomer passed away Thursday, Feb. 17 about noon. The funeral was held at the U. B. church at Hamilton.

Hamilton

The funeral of a twelve year old daughter of Elmer Newcomer who lives near Bonny Dell was held in the U.B. church Saturday. Interment in the cemetery adjacent.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 24, 1916

West Franklin

Charley White and family are now located in their new home near Bonny Dell school Their children are Frances, Roberta and Opal.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 10, 1916

There will be a box social held at No. 9 school house, Friday evening, Nov. 17. Everybody invited.

There will be a box social held at College Corners School House, Wednesday evening. Nov. 15.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
November 25, 1916

West Franklin

The school fair held at Bonny Dell school, Nov. 16, was quite a success and there was a fine program.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
March 8, 1918

West Franklin

The Bonny dell school is closed this week on account of measles.

Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
September 6, 1923

Hamilton
Chas. Radabaugh is teaching at Dutch Gap and Orla Fee at Bonny Dell.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
December 27, 1923

West Franklin
The Bonny Dell School gave a fine entertainment last Friday afternoon. They also had a Christmas tree and old Santa came and gave the children a fine treat.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
September 11, 1924

Edward Matson is attending the Waterloo schools this year.

The Bonny Dell school, No.9 is progressing very good so far, their teacher is Geo. Fee of Hamilton.

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Butler Weekly Record,
Butler, Indiana
January 22, 1925

West Franklin
Albert Johnson who makes his home with Cyrus Dixon entered Bonny dell school after several weeks of sickness.

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Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
March 26, 1925

Fire partially destroyed the Bonny Dell school house, an old style, one room brick building in use many years, located in the southwest corner of Franklin twp. near Jones' corners at 6 O'clock Thursday morning. The fire caught from a stove and burned part of the floor and a number of seats near the stove. Bonny Dell was in charge of George Fee, Jess Hammond is the trustee. Twenty pupils went to this school of which six were eighth grade students preparing for the spring examinations. County Superintendent Green in a statement Thursday said that temporary arrangements might possibly be made to send the pupils to College Corners, number eight school or school might be held in the Gleaners' Hall for the remainder of the term.

West Franklin
The Bonny Dell school house No. 9 was partially destroyed by Fire last Thursday morning so there is no school until it is repaired, which is being done at once. Most of the scholars books were destroyed.
Several from Bonny Dell took the eighth grade examination Saturday.
Those graduating from Bonny Dell in 1925: Charles L. Hodges, Ellsworth J. Hodges, R,alph D. Newcomer, Mildred E. Newcomer, Roberta Olive White, and Gerald Wade.

Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
March 27, 1925

West Franklin

The Bonny Dell school house is being completely repaired now and new seats are being put in.

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Butler Weekly Record.
Butler, Indiana
December 24, 1925

West Franklin

Mr. Geo. Fee teacher of Bonny Dell No. 9 school left for Florida Saturday morning for a visit of two or three weeks.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana.
August 30, 1929

Miss Gertrude Newcomer will teach in the primary grade in the Waterloo school; Miss Ruby Shultz will teach English in the Angola high school and Mrs. Chas. Kuehn, formerly Miss Florabelle Dixon, expects to teach again at Bonny Dell Franklin township.

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Butler Record, Butler, Indiana.
October 5, 1933

Franklin News

Bonnie Dell school visited Franklin Center school Friday and a baseball game was enjoyed by all. Watermelon was served before the game.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
December 16, 1938

The Bonny Dell school, with Flora Belle Kuehn as teacher, will have a Christmas entertainment on the Friday afternoon before Christmas.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
September 1, 1939

South Franklin

Mrs. Keith Beebe of Butler, will teach the school at Bonny Dell this year.

Mrs. Florabelle Kuehn of Waterloo, will teach College Corners school this year. School will begin Sept. 5th.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana.
January 10, 1941

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(taken from our files)

The scholars of school

The scholars of school district No. 9 presented their teacher, Albert Shultz, with an easel and a beautiful water-colored picture, also a paper holder.

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana.
August 14, 1942

South Franklin

Miss Kennedy of Garrett, is teaching the Bonny Dell school.

South Franklin

It is rumored that the Bonny Dell school will not be opened this year.

Record Herald, Butler, Indiana
October 10, 1957

## Former Bonny Dell Students Hold Reunion

A reunion was held Sunday, September 29 at the Gleaner Hall on Rope Street road of those and their families that had wither attended or taught in the little red brick country school called Bonny Dell in Franklin township.

A delicious pot luck dinner was served at noon to over fifty people. Several came in the afternoon to enjoy visiting and reminiscing and enjoying looking at pictures taken during their happy school days. Making the total present at 84 for the day.

It was decided to make it a yearly gathering hoping to all be back with many more that were unable to be in the group this years would join and be present the first Sunday in October 1958.

All those that had Pearl Hyck for a teacher signed a card to send to her as she was sick in a hospital in California.

The officers for 1958 are Roy Hodges, president; Floyd Dixon, vice-president; Gertrude Newcomer Anthony, secretary-treasurer and William Miser, assistant.

Those present at the first reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smyer, Arlington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miser, Amarillo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kennedy, South Bend; Mrs. Mable Wolfe Space, daughter Cleo Clark and her daughter of Elkhart; Mrs. Cherry Halving, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snyder, Mrs. Charles Young all of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon, Ashley; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dixon, Angola; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newcomer, Spencerville; Mr. and Mrs. George . Snyder Kendallville; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newcomer, Louis Ridge of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hodges and son Jimmy of Churubusco; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kind, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gingrich, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ridge, Mrs. Dorothy Miser Laub, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Cherry, Mrs. Cloud Chapman , Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rank Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Station, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anthony all of Butler; Mrs. Reed Duncan, Hicksville, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolfe, Mr. Ed Miser, Charles T. Miser of Garrett; Mrs. Thelma Cherry Scram, Mrs. Mary Wolfe Lower of auburn, Mrs. Ore Hodges Newcomer, Mrs. Elmer Newcomer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beatty, Alonso Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. William Schiek and daughter, Betty and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durst, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuehn, Mrs. Irene Draggoo Cherry, Dick Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Miser and four sons, Mr. and Mrs. William Miser and daughter Gloria of Waterloo

Record-Herald, Butler, Indiana
October 16, 1958

## Bonny Dell School Hold Second Annual Picnic

The second annual picnic of the Bonny Dell school reunion was held Sunday, October 5 at the Gleaner Hall on Rope street road in Franklin township, DeKalb county.

There were sixty-seven who enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner together and reminiscing.

There were seventeen who called in the afternoon making the total of eighty-four for the day.

There was a very nice program given in the afternoon which everyone enjoyed. The meeting was called to order by the president, L.C. Hodges.

Group singing "Brighten The Corner Where You Are," led by Hazel Kauffman with Verna Hodges Crooks at the piano. Little Cindy Beatty gave several numbers, tap dancing.

Secretary and treasurer report was read

Reading by Mabel Spake

Everyone stood with bowed heads in silent prayer for those who had passed away since last year. Those who we knew about were Walter Miser and Mrs. Ethel Hodges.

The group sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Edna King, Mabel Spake, Alta Dangler and Charles Wolfe led the group in singing with Verna Crooks at the piano.

All old officers were retained for another year.

It was also voted to join with College Corners and have both picnic reunions at the same as so many attend both. It was decided the better time to have it was the second Sunday in October.

There were several short talks and reminiscing by Erma McKean, Hazel Kauffman, Ed Miser, William Miser, Louis Ridge, L.C. Hodges Tina Oberlin and Leroy Oberlin. T he Bonny Dell school house was built in 18_2.

Everyone enjoyed themselves Hope to have as good if not better crowd next year

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
April 24, 1959

Thirty Five Years Ago

Ora Fee closed a very successful school year at Bonny Dell last Friday. A bountiful potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon by the teacher and pupils

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Hamilton News, Hamilton, Indiana
March 25, 1960

Thirty-Five Years ago

The Bonny Dell school house in the southern part of Franklin Twp. was badly damaged by fire last Wednesday night. George Fee is the teacher at Bonny Dell.

# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By: Maurice Bonecutter

Recalling some of my one room school days which were at the **Bonnie Dell School**, located in Franklin Township, DeKalb County.

It must have been during my first grade year that my brother Paul, my brother, Clare, and my sister Annabelle and I were walking the mile and a half to school (which we most always did). It was very cold, windy and snowing. When we started up the small grade my brother Paul said that we had better go back home. We later found that it was 14 degrees below zero that morning. We didn't know about chill factors in those days which was in the early 30's.

The two teachers that I remember most were Edson Beard and Gail Wynkoop.

Edson was an older man, especially in my eyes. He chewed tobacco on the sly. Maybe it was him who gave me an interest in old cars. At present I own several which are housed in the NATMUS museum. He told me that the Model "T" gas tank was under the driver's seat and that there is no fuel pump, so the gas gets to the engine's carburetor by gravity. If you would go up a steep hill the gas would not get to the engine. The result being you would have to back

Gail was a spinster who took good care of herself. She drove an Essex car. She made me stay after school to learn the multiplication tables, which I learned.

Some of the happenings at school: We had a hallway which some of the school buildings did not have. This is where we hung our coats and where we left our lunch buckets on a shelf. Sometimes we would trade a part of our lunch with each other. We might trade a boiled egg for a cookie or some other goodie. In good weather we would sit under a large oak tree to eat our lunch. This tree was also our third base for our ball field. Sometimes we would have little programs, to which our parents would come, usually just our mothers would come. We were happy and had fun along with our education. We made lifelong friendships. It is good to see some once in a while. Of course some are no longer living.

I was janitor for a short time for Miss Wynkoop. One of the ornery things we did was put some chalk dust in an ink bottle with a corked lid and put it on top of the tall heating stove which was fired by coal. When the bottle got hot the corked lid popped off, and that wasn't too pleasant after all.

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My first wife, Rhea Blanchard, attended Franklin Center School. She started when she was 5 years old. Her teacher put her a grade ahead at some point. She ended up graduating from International Business College before she was 18 years Her brother, Luis, also attended Franklin Center School. He was first or second in his graduating class in Butler High School. In 1945 he won the state mile. He graduated from Purdue University in the field of Chemical Engineering.

My father, Jess Bonecutter, was Franklin Township Trustee for two terms

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# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By: Clare Bonecutter

Some Things Remembered at
the Old One-Room Schools
1929-1937

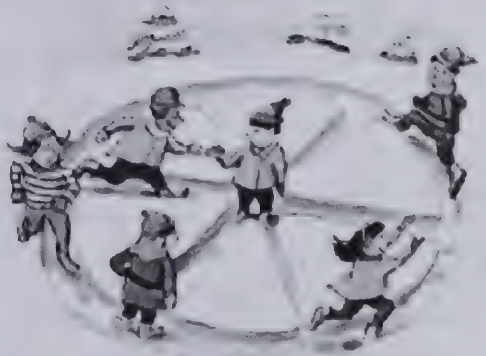
BONNEY DELL, NO. 9

We had a coal shed that often was the focal point for the smaller ones to play "Anti-I-Over" at recess or lunch periods. There were many tag games played. Some may have been "Stink Base," "Rover, Rover Came Over" and "Shoot the Rabbit" which required a soft rubber ball thrown at the runners going from baseline to base line. In good weather there was softball that most often all who wished participated. Come a bad day house games. One I really recall was called "Rin Tin Tin". Most of the details have escaped my memory, but part of it involved a swat on the bottom as one attempted to get out of a closeted situation. Of course there were wrestling matches, snowball battles and tag games in the snow. One was called "Fox and Geese." The person who was IT was the fox; those escaping a tag were the geese. The playing

**FOX & GEESE**

field was laid out in giant circles, cross spokes on which the geese ran from circle to circle to escape the fox. Some spokes had traps to stop the fox.

**PIGS TAIL**



*The fox may not go through a trap nor can a goose. If goose gets in a trap spoke the fox may tag. Geese may elude the fox on all other paths.*

Another game was called "Pig Tail." In each of them the person who was It seemed to be quite disadvantaged. I will attempt drawings.

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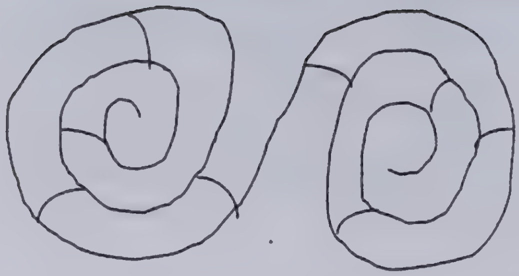

*The pigs could jump paths. The one "IT" to catch his tail could only use the slots to cross paths. The circles should be nearly equal and space.*

On days that were too nice to stay in, but the ground not fit for yard games some would attempt to go around the schoolhouse brick ledge. There were a few that made it all the way around. The front, east and south was an easy go as there were windows to help. The west side only brick wall, small fingers holds and the ledge, really tough. The afore mentioned was at #9, Bonny Dell.

My recall of teachers is as follows:

1st #8 College Corners—
Miss Josephine Getts
2nd grade #9 Bonny Dell -
Miss Gail Wynkoop
3rd grade #9 Bonny Dell -
Mrs. Florabell Quinn
4th grade #9 Bonny Dell -
Miss Ann Bopp (2 mo)/ Edson Beard
5th grade #9 Bonny Dell -
Miss Knott
6th grade #9 Bonny dell -
Mrs. Quinn
7th & 8th grade #9 Bonny Dell -
Miss Wynkoop

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# REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

## ONE ROOM SCHOOL ANECDOTES

By: Mareta Bonecutter Mutzfeld DOB 2-15-1914

Mareta started 5th grade at Bonny Dell and graduated in the 8th grade. The teachers were George Fee, Orley Fee (Very good) and Edgar Willennar (his mother was a Fee).

Mareta took her siblings, Lois and Paul, to school. They walked across fields since it was shorter than walking the road. She worried about a mama being in the field protecting its young when entering a new field (Cow, ewe, etc.).

Bonny dell was a building with a front hall. There was an area for the water bucket, dinner pails, and to hang your wraps. School had a bell. Restroom, one each for boys and girls on the far edge of the property.

The students played rounders (similar to baseball). Annie Over which was throwing a ball over the school and someone caught it on the other side. It depended on the school board and trustee what they had available to play with.

The neighborhood would have a box social auction to rails money for non-education supplies.

Teachers had different seating pattern, had individual desks. Some separated by grades, others o who needed attention. The season and heating stove hade a difference on the desk arrangement. Sat on benches in the front of the classroom when your class was getting instruction or reciting the lessons. Depending on teacher if older students helped the younger students. Students passed notes.

Students responsible to carry in fresh drinking water, wood or coal for the stove. Students carried lunches usually in a pail. Depending on the season they would carry fresh or canned fruit, vegetable, peanut butter sandwiches, drinks in a thermos. A jar that was wrapped to insulate it would sub for a thermos. Students swapped food with other students to get what they wanted.

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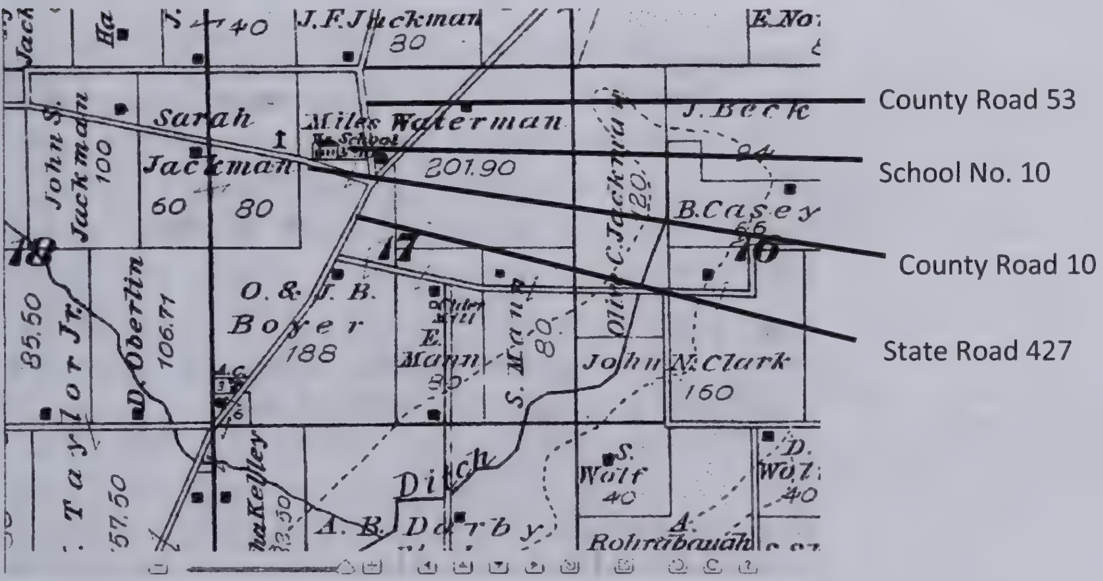
Bonny Dell School # 9 1941
Florabell Kuhn, teacher ?

Bonny Dell School, #9 1941
1st grade boys
Don Kauffman, Bill Badman, DeWayne Weicht, Alger Miller

# JACKMAN SCHOOL

## Number 10 School
## State Road 427 and County Road 53 and 10

There were no pictures of the original Jackman school that we could locate.


J.F.Jackman
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Sarah
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J. Beck
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B.Casey
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O. & J. B.
Boyer
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D. Oberlin
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E. Mann
S. Mann
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Oliver C.Jackman
John N.Clark
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Taylor Jr.
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Ditch
S. Wolf
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A. B. Darby
D. Wolf
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County Road 53
School No. 10
County Road 10
State Road 427

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
October 30, 1873

Mr. H. H. Keep is successful select school at Clark's Corners in Franklin.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
September 18, 1879

There will be a grove meeting near the Jackman school house, west of Clark's Corners, in Franklin township, nest Sunday, 21st inst. Basket dinner between the services.

Preaching by Elder Shepherd.

Forenoon services will commence at 10:30.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

No. 10:

A bad cold present trustee going with me to this school, located near Clark's Corners. The clatter of a bell indicates school time as in stop at O. Waterman's. House stands on low wet site, old wood lay strewed around. Inside clean convenient, 16 present Jennie Blaker teacher, All reading good, distinct, register well kept. Teacher sensitive to repulation and anxious to excel. Pupils constantly busy. Government is in _____. Interest and progress are evident.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

No. 10:

Jan. 14, Jennie Blaker, Grade 10. Excellence of the school are neatness, order and good instruction. Small enrollment is a misfortune. Nine pupils compose the school. Three young women shows scholarly habits. The school as it is all that could be wished.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
November 12, 1884

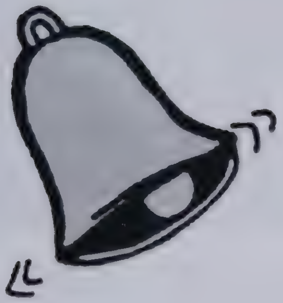
Report of school No. 10, Franklin township. The school closed last Saturday with the customary exercises. The relation between teacher and scholars has been very pleasant throughout the term. Number of pupils enrolled, 14. Those not absent or tardy during the term, Mamie Waterman, Inez Boyer, and Bertha Jackman; those not absent during the last month, are Blanch Jackman and Eve Mann. I am under many obligations to the parents for the kindness shown me during the three months of school.

Janet Conrad,
Teacher

Garrett Clipper, Garrett, Indiana
April 16, 1923

Note: These are Franklin Township students who graduated from Hamilton High school

The commencement of the Hamilton high school will be held on May 3 this year. The following students will graduate: Violet Platt, Caroline Gates, Cleo Dirrim, Bernice Zeigler, Florence Kepler, Esther Hurraw, Merle Westfall, Julius Jacobs, George Endfield, George Fee, Orla Willenar, Virgil Hagarty, Charles Radabaugh and Burton McClellan.



# SCHOOL NUMBER 11

## Number 11 School
## CR 427 and County Road 16

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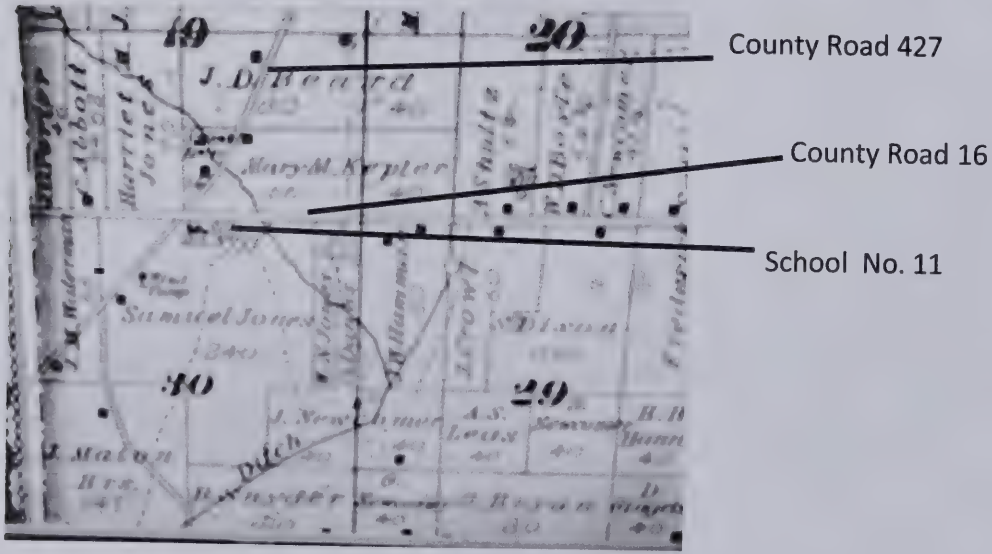
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J. D. Beard
Mary M. Kepler
Samuel Jones
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County Road 427
County Road 16
School No. 11

Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

No. **11**: An open site house of the better framed class, new seated, vertical stove in room center. Rostrum part of south end of room. Old type board. Recitation seats good benches. School quiet attentive and showing little curiosity yet consciously subject to the ____ present of a visitor. Ample time given reading. Reuben Sawville teacher a dozen praise, generally successful.

Record of School Visitation While County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

No. 11:

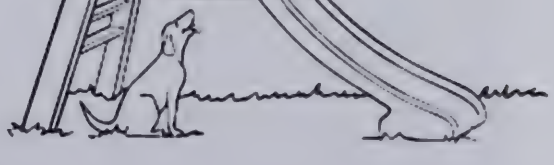
Jan. 11, Christie Blaker, Grade 10. Room and furniture neat, wood box rough but serviceable. Cold and inclement without doors. Comfortable within. Teacher excels in reading and teaches by example. Also, requires part of lesson written and brought class. A score present. There is no cringing servility, nor bold freedom but a golden mean open respectful frankness. Ought a teacher to look over work or notice problems while hearing a class? At recess, pupils require to play within ground. Fine arithmetic classes. Recite from problems prepared on slate. Lessons judiciously assigned as regard extent and character

Auburn Courier, Auburn, Indiana
February 9, 1882

Franklin Township, No. 11

Report of district No. 11, for the month ending Jan. 20, 1882. Names of pupils enrolled in order in grades: Mary Fee, Maud Kepler, Cyrus Dixon, Henry Shultz, and Ella Beard in Grade 5; Minnie Kepler, Lettie Dixon, Della Shultz, William Kugler, John Kugler, Jud fee, Frank Fee, George Beard, Edson, Beard, Rufus Abbott, Lincoln Baslby, Eddie Sattison, Emma Fickle in Grade 4; Tommy Mason, Abner Kugler, Lola Kepler, Jimmy McCash in Grade 3; Laura McCash, Emma McCash, Lorna Shultz, Bertie Beard, Calie Kugler, Jimmie Dixon, Claton Abbott, Willie Carr in Grade 2; Montie Fee, Wilber Newcomer, Johnnie Mason, Delbert newcomer, Benny Abbott, Charlie McCash in Grade 1. Total number enrolled, 36; average attendance 33.

Wm H. Shultz, Teacher



# SCHOOL NUMBER 12

## Number 12 School
## County Road 71A 1/2 mile north of County Road 20

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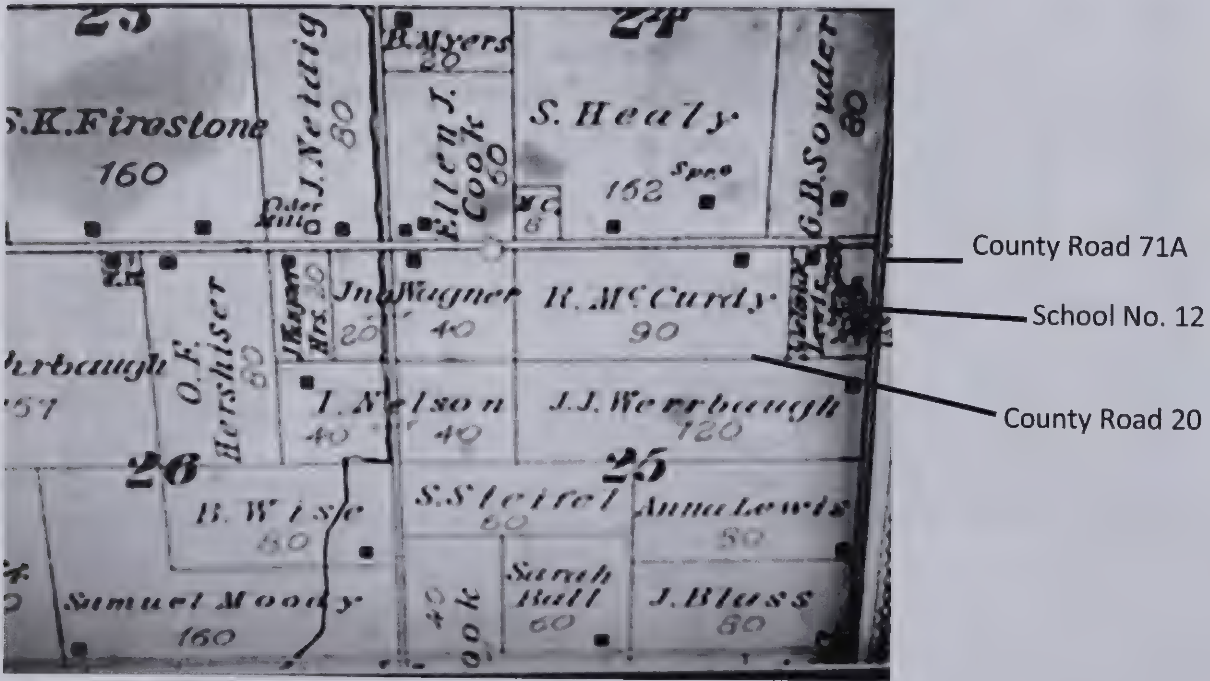
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R. McCurdy 90
O.F. Hershiser 80
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S.S. Steifel 60
Anna Lewis 80
Samuel Moody 160
Sarah Ball 60
J. Blass 80
County Road 71A
School No. 12
County Road 20

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh

No. 12: School begun by C. Emanuel succeeded by Lottie Brundage. All present save one, among pupils M. ___baugh, Miss B. is on old teacher with a good record. Some object to time taken in morning exercises perhaps they would object to any preliminaries. The house is on township line. The attendance once large has been gradually reduced by age and by the construction of new school houses. In time the district will be attracted to others.

Record of School Visitation While
County Superintendent 1879-1881
By W. H. McIntosh
January 6, 1881

**No. 12:**

Jan 13, Adelbert Clutter, Grade 5. Enrolled 18, 11 present. Reports from patrons favorable, children docile. Teacher quiet. Classes should be increased in number of pupils and decreased in numbers of recitation, to inspire interest and give more time. There is an ____ to writing-a problem for the inexperienced

# PARKER SCHOOL

There is reference to a Parker school in the early newspapers of De Kalb County. We can not find a location for this school. It is probably another local name for one of the school. There might have been Parker children attending that school.

It is mentioned with the schools in the southwest section of Franklin Township.

We think it may be the McQueen School, No. 9.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
October 5, 1876

An enthusiastic Republican meeting at Parker's school house in Franklin, Wednesday evening was addressed by Dr. Johnston and J. M. Somers.

Waterloo Press, Waterloo, Indiana
August 22, 1878

--A S.S. concert will be given in the Parker School House, Franklin next Sunday.

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